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M. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes, the subject of this sketch, was born on June 29th, 1887, in the City of Toronto, the son of Thomas T. and Jane E. (May) Bowes, who themselves were Canadian born of English and Scottish ancestry.

Thomas T. Bowes, a trusted and highly respected employee of the Hudson's Bay Company, was transferred to Calgary in 1891, where he established a permanent home on Fifth Avenue, which is still in the possession of the family. He continued with the Company until his retirement shortly before his death. Mrs. Bowes is still living and now makes her home in New York. George May, a brother of Mrs. Bowes, is one of the oldest Past Masters of Perfection Lodge No. 9, while Andrew Sibbald, the well known centenarian of Banff, who died recently, and who came to the Calgary district long before there was any settlement in the West, was a great uncle of Bro. Bowes, who can therefore be described as a true descendant of western pioneers.

With such a background the boy grew up, passing through the Public and High Schools of Calgary with credit and during that time, and in fact until he went Overseas, he took an active part and interest in all boys' and young men's sports. Football, lacrosse, baseball and hockey found in him a genuine supporter, who "played the game," always on the side of those who desired sport to be fair and clean. He was no slacker, but put his best into either play or work, each in its place.

His independence of character soon developed. When only sixteen years of age he joined the Calgary staff of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with which corporation he still remains, being appointed Assistant District Passenger Agent on August 1st, 1926.

At the outbreak of war in 1914, he joined the 103rd Regiment in Calgary and qualified as a Lieutenant in 1915. Early in 1916 he was released from his duties by the Railway Company and joined up with the 191st Battalion for overseas service, proceeding to England with a draft in 1917, where he transferred to the 50th Canadian Battalion, B.E.F., in France, in September of that year, serving with that unit as a Lieutenant until September 1918. He was present at the battles of Passchendaele and Drocourt-Queant Line and on the Somme in 1918.

During the Drocourt-Queant engagement Bro. Bowes was severely wounded on September 2nd, 1918, being the only survivor of a small group of officers and men who were killed by the same shell. This resulted in a long and painful period of hospital treatment, lasting until he was discharged in October, 1919, when he returned to service with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

He was married on October 24th, 1922, to Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, whose first husband was killed in action overseas. Of this marriage there was born one son, Donald.

M. W. Bro. Bowes' Masonic career commenced by his being admitted a member of Bow River Lodge No. 1 on February 28th, 1910.

In December, 1913, he was one of the founders of Zetland Lodge No. 83, Calgary, of which he was the first Junior Warden, becoming Master in 1916, when he went on active service. On his return from the war he again resumed his active interest in Masonry, being elected Secretary of Zetland Lodge and has remained one of its most enthusiastic and energetic members. In appreciation of his work, the lodge conferred on him an Honorary Life Membership.

In 1922 Grand Lodge recognized his devotion to the Craft by electing him Grand Registrar. Since that time he has served on many important committees of Grand Lodge and was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1913, Senior Grand Warden in 1932, Deputy Grand Master in 1933, and Grand Master in 1934.

Because of the close study he had been giving to the work of Grand Lodge over a period of years, he came to the high office of Grand Master fully equipped to conduct the affairs of the Craft. He instituted a system of inspection by the D.D.G.M.'s of the lodges in their districts, by which these officers conducted a thorough inquiry into every aspect of Masonry, with the result that their reports gave a truer picture of the condition of Masonry than has ever been possible before. M. W. Bro. Bowes followed up these reports with his comments and suggestions, which have had a marked effect throughout the jurisdiction. In short, his efforts were directed towards placing the lodges on a sound basis, financially, which would largely do away with the bug-bear of arrears of dues, encountered on every hand during the last few years. He also gave very personal attention to the many Masonic problems referred to him, never sparing time or trouble to effect a satisfactory solution; and in a wider field, it was due entirely to his efforts that the first Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Officers of the western Grand Lodges was held and was highly successful.

M.W. Bro. Bowes is a Past Principal of Alberta Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., and Past Grand Registrar of Grand Chapter, R.A.M. He is a member of Cyprus Preceptory, Knights Templar, Calgary; a P.T. P.G.M. Calgary Lodge of Perfection; a member of Delta Chapter Rose Croix, and the Alberta Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

It is felt that his year of office did much to halt the depressing effects of the last few years and bring about the commencement of a new era in Grand Lodge history. That this was realized by the membership was borne out by the fact that every standing committee of Grand Lodge wanted him for a member after his year of office as Grand Master. He was elected to the Board of Benevolence and to the chairmanship of the Committee on Finance, on the retirement of the former Chairman who had filled this important office for twenty-six years.

It is the hope and wish of the Craft at large that they may continue to benefit from his leadership, which has ever been given with fraternal sincerity and an appreciation of the opinions and consideration for the feelings of others—the outstanding characteristic of M.W. Bro. Bowes.

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The Thirtieth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 12th, A.D. 1935, A.L. 5935, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m.

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OPENING

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Deputy Grand Master called them to order at 10:00 a.m., directing the Grand Officers to assume their stations. He then requested the V. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies to repair to the apartment of the Grand Master and announce that the brethren of Grand Lodge were prepared to receive him. The M. W. the Grand Master, escorted by the Past Grand Masters entered the lodge room, was received with Grand Honors and assumed the Chair, while the Grand Officers repaired to their several stations. Grand Lodge was then opened in AMPLE FORM.

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The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

RECEPTION OF THE MAYOR OF CALGARY

The Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary, R. W. Bro. A. Davison, was in waiting. The M. W. the Grand Master requested R. W. Bro. Truesdale to retire and introduce His Worship. R. W. Bro. Davison, on being introduced, was received with Grand Honors and invited to a seat on the Dais.

R. W. Bro. Davison then addressed the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, thanking them for the warmth of their reception, which he greatly appreciated, remarking that this was the third occasion on which he had had the honor and privilege of welcoming Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication. At this time the pleasure of doing so was greatly enhanced by finding on the throne M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, Grand Master of Masons in Alberta—an old friend of many years standing, tried and tested in many different activities. As fellow comrades they had served their country nearly twenty years ago and since that time he knew that M. W. Bro. Bowes had continued to serve his fellow citizens and his brother Masons to the limit of his ability, and he was sure that under his leadership the Grand Lodge of Alberta had made substantial progress. Being a member of the Fraternity himself, he was pleased to find that in spite of conditions, the loss in membership was small in the Calgary lodges and he was proud to know that the members are making real sacrifices to maintain their lodges and insure the stability of the institution which they are building.

He extended a hearty welcome to the delegates assembled, saying that the freedom of the City of Calgary was theirs, knowing that they would not exceed the privileges thus accorded to them, and mentioning apologetically that on a previous occasion he had forgotten this item in his official welcome, but he noted that the brethren seemed to have taken it for granted that they were so privileged anyway.

The Grand Master then called on M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill to reply, who said that he had taken part for many years in this pleasing ceremony of receiving Mayors of cities and towns in which Grand Lodge met. It particularly pleased him to be called upon to express the thanks of Grand Lodge to R. W. Bro. Davison, as Mayor of the City of Calgary, whom he had known both as a man and a Mason for a long time, and as a personal friend. He mentioned that it was not often that we find men immersed in public life, voluntarily and freely giving of their time and talents to the Craft, for they are busy men, having innumerable calls upon them and it made one feel that they had found something in Masonry that must strongly appeal to them. In these somewhat difficult times he had noted that Mayor Davison had handled many a serious situation with tact, skill and patience and M. W. Bro. Botterill thought that at least some of the credit might be given to the training he had received through his connection with the Craft, where he was taught those principles which govern our relations to each other and our fellow men. In conclusion, he expressed his appreciation of the sincerity of the Mayor's welcome and his presence in Grand Lodge.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Secretary, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, called the roll of the Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge and the Representatives present extended fraternal greetings from their respective jurisdictions to the Grand Master and were received with Grand Honors.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in welcoming the Grand Representatives, expressed his pleasure in receiving them and desired that they would communicate his sincere fraternal greetings to the Grand Masters of their respective Grand Lodges directly after the close of this communication of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland, replied as follows:

"M. W. Sir:

"As representative of the senior Grand Lodge present, I am keenly conscious of the privilege extended to me in being chosen to extend on behalf of the assembled Grand Representatives our thanks and gratitude for your kindly welcome.

"The simple ceremony of the reception of Grand Representatives reminds us again of the universality of our Order and of its stabilising presence and strength in a world torn by doubt and dissension.

"The Grand Representatives wish to congratulate you personally, M. W. Sir, not only on a year of successful effort in your own jurisdiction, but on highly successful labors in further cementing our cordial relations with the sister jurisdictions of our own Dominion.

"Your request that your greetings be extended to our several Grand Jurisdictions will be faithfully attended to."

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Twenty-ninth Annual Communication, held in the City of Edmonton, on June 13th and 14th, 1934, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

COMMUNICATIONS

The following telegrams were received and read:

"The Grand Lodge of Manitoba in its Sixtieth Annual Communication extends to its daughter Grand Lodge of Alberta warm fraternal regards and best wishes for a successful communication.

"J. H. G. RUSSELL,

"Acting Grand Secretary."

"The Masons of Iowa wish for you a most successful communication that the true spirit of Masonry may be still further promoted throughout the world. May fraternalism prevail and brotherly love direct the deliberations.

"C. C. HUNT,

"Grand Secretary."

"The Grand Lodge of Oregon meeting in Eighty-fifty Annual Communication extends to the Grand Lodge of Alberta its warmest fraternal greetings and best wishes for the fruition of the designs upon your trestle board.

"D. R. CHENEY,

"Grand Secretary."

The Grand Master directed that suitable replies be wired expressing the appreciation of himself and Grand Lodge for these kindly and fraternal greetings.

Telegrams and letters were received from the following members of Grand Lodge, extending fraternal greetings and regretting their inability to be present at this communication: M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, P.G.M. (London, Ont.); M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. G. O. Brownlee, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 7; R. W. Bro. T. Rankine, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. J. V. Follett, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. F. A. Bart-ram, G.O.; V. W. Bro. J. A. Fonger, G.S.; V. W. Bro. R. A. Conrad, G.S., and W. Bro. H. E. Graham, Grand Rep. G. L. Florida.

The Grand Master informed Grand Lodge of the serious illness of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, and it was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That this Grand Lodge express their keen regret at the enforced absence of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, through illness, and that we extend to him our fraternal greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery to full health and vigor."

The Grand Master then directed M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. W. Noble, D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 1, to procure flowers and personally deliver the same to M. W. Bro. Selwood with the greetings and sympathy of himself and Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary read a letter which he had received from the family of the late M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

"The Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.,
Calgary, Alberta.

"Dear Bro. Kemmis:

"On behalf of mother and the family, may I express to you and through you to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, our deep appreciation of your attendance at father's funeral and also thank you for your kind message of condolence conveyed through John Russell.

"Your sending flowers also tells us that Dad was well known and loved far beyond the boundary of our own province.

"I am sorry that mother's sight does not permit her to write at this time.

"Yours fraternally,

"J. M. OVAS."

The Grand Master directed that this letter be printed in the Proceedings, and suitable acknowledgment made.

Grand Master's Address

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

My dear Brethren:

It is with sincere fraternal feelings that I welcome you to our Thirtieth Annual Communication, and particularly gratifying to me is that this welcome is given in the City of Calgary, which for well nigh half a century has been my home. May I ask that the Calgary brethren show their abilities as good hosts and see to it that our brethren who have come from outside this city are made to feel "at home."

1. JUBILEE YEAR

The peoples of our vast Empire of Nations are celebrating with joy and gratitude, the twenty-fifth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign. We have had, as individuals, our opportunity of joining in the loyal celebrations and in sharing in the splendid work of the Jubilee Cancer Fund, which was inaugurated by His Majesty as a tangible form of thank offering. Nevertheless it seems most appropriate that we do in this Grand Lodge give official voice to the love, respect and loyalty we all have towards:

His Majesty, GEORGE the FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, EMPEROR of INDIA; the son of a Grand Master of Freemasons and father of three Provincial Grand Masters. Long and happily may he reign over us and long and happily may Her Majesty, Queen Mary, continue as the gracious Consort of a noble man.

Freemasonry in the Motherland has repeatedly acknowledged by word and action its loyal devotion to the King and the Royal Family, many of whom have been and are active members, giving freely valuable service to the Craft. This fact, in no small measure, accounts for the way in which our Fraternity, composed of so many varying elements, has been firmly held together and grown and prospered throughout the years.

As a proof of this we find the King's eldest son, already a prominent Grand Officer in England, accepting the office of Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, into which office he will be installed this year.

2. BI-CENTENARY OF THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND

Here it may be appropriate to mention that the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland will celebrate its Bi-Centenary on the sixteenth November, 1936, and intimation has been received from their Grand Secretary that invitations would be issued to all Grand Lodges to send representatives to this great event.

The strong ties of blood in so great a number of our brethren, and the National and Masonic sentiment in all of us, urge me to suggest

that plans be laid whereby we may be represented. An appropriation for this purpose from the funds of the current year and another one from next year may be considered desirable.

3. OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN

Again are we reminded of the inexorable laws of The Most High in that we are called upon to mourn the passing, during the year A.L. 5934, of one hundred and thirty-six brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction, to the Grand Lodge Above "where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns." May we hope that their earthly labours find favour in His eyes.

Memorial pages will appear in our Proceedings for these brethren and also for those of other jurisdictions who have been particularly honoured in the Craft.

I mention two distinguished brethren of other Grand Lodges, in whom our Grand Lodge was especially interested.

M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Master in 1890-91, Grand Secretary from 1900 to 1935, in our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba; died on the 9th March, 1935, in his eighty-first year. He was Grand Secretary of his Grand Lodge at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. At my request, our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, P.G.M., journeyed to Winnipeg to represent this Grand Lodge at the funeral of this eminent brother. A suitable floral token of our regard was also arranged for.

M. W. Bro. Elias T. Malone, K.C., Grand Master from 1899 to 1901 and Grand Treasurer for nearly thirty years, in the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario; died 9th October, 1934, in his eighty-first year. M. W. Bro. Malone was an Honorary Member of one of our lodges. For almost a complete half century he installed, each year, the officers of his lodge.

Let us stand with bowed heads as a tribute to the memory of our departed brethren, and as a reminder too of our duties and responsibilities to the living.

4. PROPOSED CEREMONY OF THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF IOWA

In December last a letter was received from M. W. Bro. Burton H. Saxton, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Iowa, in which he announced plans that were being made for a special ceremony at the forthcoming Communication of his Grand Lodge, to be held in Cedar Rapids in the present month. His purpose is to urge the need of international understanding and good will, and to emphasize the very important part that world-wide Freemasonry can and should take toward the cause of universal peace.

The M. W. Grand Master requested a flag and a suitable message to be presented from this Grand Lodge at the communication mentioned. The flag and the message have been sent forward on your behalf, as I am certain that you will have nothing but the most sincere praise for the proposal.

While our Grand Lodge is young and small in comparison with the Grand Lodge of Iowa, yet we may well hope that the Union Jack

with an Alberta pennant below it, will be a reminder to the brethren of that State and of others of the Union that there resides to the north of an imaginary line a group of Freemasons anxious and pressing for a Peace in which Brotherly Love and Truth will flourish in accord with the ideals of our beloved Fraternity.

5. CONFERENCE WITH GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

In the Spring of 1934 an informal suggestion was made by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate, P.G.M., out of which the following developed:

Early in the present year, I extended invitations to the M. W. Grand Masters of British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, together with their Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, to be the guests of our Grand Lodge, for an informal conference in the City of Calgary on the 14th and 15th March. The invitations were cordially received and accepted, but in the week preceding the intended meeting, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba sustained a great loss in the death of M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, who had planned to be with us, and it was felt necessary to postpone the meeting.

It was held subsequently on the 9th and 10th May, when we had the pleasure of meeting the following Grand Officers:

From Manitoba --M. W. Bro. H. L. Adolph, Grand Master.
 --R. W. Bro. Royal Burritt, Deputy Grand Master.
 --R. W. Bro. John T. Boyd, Grand Junior Warden.

From Saskatchewan--M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

Alberta was represented by myself and my Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary. R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland very kindly assisted by acting as Secretary to the meeting.

The change of dates made it impossible to have with us representatives from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the Acting Grand Secretary of Manitoba and the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of Saskatchewan, which fact is greatly regretted.

It would take very considerable time to give a complete report of the Conference, so I must content myself with stating that its purpose was to have a general discussion of Masonic affairs and an exchange of experience in the many activities of our respective Grand Lodges, such as benevolent work, organization and work of Grand Secretaries' Offices, Grand Lodge Communications, instruction in the duties of Grand Officers, experience with certain differences in Constitutional practice, education, work of Boards of General Purposes, lodge finances, District Meetings and such like matters.

It is unnecessary to state that the meeting had no powers of action whatever, but I feel that your Grand Officers gained a wealth of information and experience which should, in time, reflect to the advantage of this Grand Lodge. My opinion is that gatherings of this kind should take place from time to time, because we must not allow ourselves to become too set in our ways, nor to overlook that Masonry is a progressive science and that none of us yet have obtained a complete understanding of it.

In my opinion, Grand Lodge should give approval to the principle that, as far as seems practicable, we should work toward a uniformity of practice with the other three Grand Lodges in Western Canada.

6. MASONIC PEACE MEMORIAL TEMPLE, LONDON

It is a pleasure to inform Grand Lodge that there is still a desire on the part of lodges, not only in our own but in other jurisdictions, to be told about the Masonic Peace Memorial Temple in London. Our thanks go out to M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, K.C., for his continued willingness to travel long distances to tell the brethren of the Dedication Ceremonies of this great building, which he witnessed as our representative, and his showing of lantern views of the Temple has been greatly appreciated.

In Alberta, he has addressed enthusiastic Masonic audiences in Medicine Hat, Pincher Creek, Lethbridge, Bassano, Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton, Manyberries, Spirit River, and in Saskatchewan at Moose Jaw and Leader. There are unfilled engagements for Drumheller and Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

Thus are the inspiring results of M. W. Bro. Blackstock's journey to London being extended to large numbers of brethren.

7. CONDITION OF MASONRY

By what method do you choose to estimate the condition of Masonry? Surely not by numbers on the rolls, for that may show nothing more than would a count of trees in a forest; nor yet by the bank balances in hand.

Our Province of Alberta was, and still is, bountifully endowed by nature, and this fact probably emphasizes the distress which our people, in common with those of other parts of the world, are suffering. It is to be regretted that there is no very marked alleviation of the condition. Despite this the lodges of our Province are "carrying on" in a most commendable manner. It is true there are difficulties, but often the best in man comes to the surface under difficulties, and the example of most of our lodges proves the fundamental soundness of Masonry. The net decrease in membership from all causes in the last calendar year was only 3.6 per cent of the total as at December 31st, 1933, which in a measure again supports my belief that there is in Freemasonry a basis of Faith, Hope and Charity that holds men to it, even though the world be in a turmoil of unrest and in fevered search of a panacea for the cure of all ills.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

While the report of the Committee on Finance will, in due course be presented, I wish to inform you that we have again a balanced budget, and with a small surplus on general account.

The expenditure on Relief Account is about the same as in the previous year, and there is still a substantial surplus. I would ask your particular attention to the report from the Committee on Benevolence to be presented to you.

There is a small increase in our Capital Benevolent Fund.

9. DISTRICT MEETINGS

As is usual, the meetings of the seventeen Masonic Districts were held in the Autumn of last year. It was with very real regret that, because of illness, I was unable to attend the meeting of District No. 4.

Our Grand Secretary and Custodian of the Canadian Work was present at every meeting and the Custodian of the York Rite at all but one, namely, the Peace River District, where there are no York Rite lodges. To both of these capable and experienced brethren one must express the thanks of the Districts, as well as of myself for their untiring work, sound advice and able support.

I have great pleasure in acknowledging to M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, as also has been done by my predecessors, the debt of gratitude we owe to him in making so pleasant and convenient the moves from place to place for the various District Meetings.

For the R. W. District Deputy Grand Masters there is nothing but praise for their sincere and generally successful efforts at their respective District Meetings.

Of the meetings, I admit frankly that some were disappointing, particularly some in urban centres. Shall I say, "straining at the gnat" seemed evident, rather than a broader effort to get to a basis of efficient Masonic functioning of the individual lodges. Admittedly, I, too, had, and still have, a lot to learn on the subject.

10. VISITATIONS

A very cordial invitation was received to attend the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in July last, which I was regretfully unable to accept. As M. W. Bro. (Judge) J. A. Jackson, P.G.M., Grand Representative of that Grand Lodge near our Grand Lodge, was going to Eastern Canada at the time, he very kindly accepted the duty of presenting to the brethren of Ontario, in Grand Lodge assembled, our sincere fraternal greetings. He reports a most cordial reception and inspiring visit.

One has a feeling of a certain amount of neglect of duty in that of visiting the lodges of the jurisdiction. I had an ambition to demonstrate, by personal contact with lodges some distance from the main centres of population, that Grand Officers have a very real interest in their affairs and problems and that they look upon such lodges as very important stones in the Masonic structure; but it seemed impossible to fit dates for such activity without neglecting other matters.

However, I was able to attend the following:

A special meeting at Medicine Hat, under the auspices of the Joint Committee of Medicine Hat lodges on Masonic Research and Education, a most instructive and enjoyable meeting.

A meeting of North Star Lodge No. 4 at Lethbridge, when representatives of the other Lethbridge lodges were present. This meeting was addressed by the Chairman of the Committee on Education.

Special meetings of Crescent Lodge No. 87 and St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, in Calgary.

The twenty-first anniversary of Commercial Lodge No. 81, Edmonton, when I had the pleasure of congratulating it upon attaining "majority."

A meeting of Ashlar Lodge No. 28, in Calgary, when we had the opportunity of extending officially a welcome to the distinguished guests from Manitoba and Saskatchewan referred to in a preceding section of this address.

A meeting of Standard Lodge No. 152, Standard, which was unique in that the offices of the lodge were filled by railway men from the various lodges surrounding Standard—a very kind gesture to me personally, which was greatly appreciated.

At a meeting of Zetland Lodge No. 83, of which I was Master in 1916, I was especially honoured in being presented with a beautifully engrossed certificate of Honourary Life Membership, a distinction shared with only two other brethren, namely, M. W. Bro. George W. Kerby and R. W. Bro. The Marquess of Zetland. As if this were not sufficient, the brethren also handed me a gold wrist watch to replace one given me eighteen years ago on the eve of my departure for Active Service.

I am deeply sensitive of the honour done your Grand Master on these various occasions, as well as that implied in the many invitations that it was not possible to accept.

11. RESTORATION OF WARRANT

In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, the charter or warrant of the lodge which was suspended by my predecessor for good cause, was restored to the lodge, and it is again meeting regularly.

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M., performed this duty on my behalf, and I wish to thank him for doing so and for the sound and kindly advice which he communicated to the lodge.

It only remains for me to say that I sincerely hope that the lodge will realize that the laws of Grand Lodge are made only for the good of the Craft as a whole, and that an active participation by it in the real Masonic work to be done will speedily remove the memory of this regrettable incident.

12. SURRENDER OF CHARTER OF CLIVE LODGE

Clive Lodge No. 121, in District No. 9, has, by regular resolution in accordance with Section 252 of the Constitution, requested permission to surrender its charter.

This lodge, at the end of 1933 and 1934, had a membership of 23. Its territory was very much circumscribed in that Clive is located 14 miles from Lacombe and the same from Alix and Mirror. This fact, combined with a more or less steady withdrawal of the members to other districts, compelled the resident members to recognize the impossibility of carrying on.

This emphasizes the importance of great care being taken in establishing new lodges.

While I recommend that Grand Lodge give its permission to the surrender of this charter, there are certain features in the affairs of Clive Lodge upon which I am asking the Board of General Purposes to report to you.

I have good reason to believe that the brethren of this lodge will become connected with other lodges in their neighborhood.

In our thirty years as a Grand Lodge, this will be only the fourth lodge to be struck from the rolls.

13. GOLDEN JUBILEE OF MEDICINE HAT LODGE No. 2

It gives me the greatest of pleasure to extend to this lodge hearty congratulations upon the completion, on the sixteenth instant, of a half century of usefulness, in which the contribution its members have made to the Craft in general and to their own District in particular has been notable.

Medicine Hat Lodge has given to us three Grand Masters, one of them when we were a part of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; and our present Deputy Grand Master was Master of the lodge in 1909. Without hesitation I say that this is one of our best Masonic lodges, and I emphasize the word "Masonic."

14. A MASONIC PLAY

It is with satisfaction that I announce that this evening a Masonic Play will be presented by the brethren of the Medicine Hat Committee on Masonic Research and Education, under the direction of R. W. Bro. John McCandie, P.D.D.G.M. The title is "The Turn of the Tide" and the author is M. W. Bro. Reginald V. Harris, K.C., Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia. Having witnessed this play by these performers, I can confidently promise you profit and pleasure when you attend this evening.

It might here be stated that there is a probability that we in Alberta will be honored by a visit in the near future from M. W. Bro. Harris.

15. DISPENSATIONS

In the Grand Secretary's Report will be found a complete list of dispensations issued. For the most part they are of a routine nature, and probably only two or three need be mentioned here.

One was to act upon a petition and confer degrees within the time specified in the Constitution, in the case of a son of a Past Grand Master. The reasons that were given were, in my opinion, such as to justify the issue of dispensation.

Another was to enable a lodge to receive and act upon a petition for initiation of a man who, through war service, had lost one of his legs below the knee, but with the aid of artificial appliance is able to comply with the ritualistic requirements.

A dispensation was issued for the installation of a Master nearly five months after the regular date for installation, but it was particularly pointed out that such did not waive the provisions of Section 11 of the Constitution, namely, that he must serve a full twelve months term to obtain rank as a Past Master.

I declined a dispensation to permit a lodge to hold its annual election of officers at an emergent meeting to be held some three weeks prior to the date permitted in the Constitution. The reasons given for the request, namely, the convenience of country members who

had some distance to travel to attend, and the proximity of the election date to that for installation; seemed to me to be insufficient. In any case, I doubt very much if any circumstances could justify the *advancing* of a date for the election of officers.

It was felt necessary to decline a dispensation to receive and act on a petition from a man who had lost his right arm at the shoulder, by reason of war service. This was done despite a strong sympathy for him, the reason for which I am sure you appreciate.

Parenthetically, let me make the personal comment that if I had not been in Freemasonry before 1919, I could not have been admitted in this jurisdiction, nor in any other as far as I know, except by a Grand Master's dispensation. Nor could I be Master of a lodge in at least one jurisdiction.

It is my suggestion that this section, together with the Grand Secretary's complete list of dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report to Grand Lodge.

16. RULINGS AND DECISIONS

It was necessary to inform one lodge that a petition for initiation or affiliation could not be balloted upon at an emergent meeting. The implication in the Constitution should be clear on this point.

In the case of a lodge that had received from certain members promissory notes for the amount of annual dues owing, I ruled that such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.

With reference to Sections 196 and 213 of the Constitution, dealing with the handling of petitions for initiation and for affiliation, certain lodges were informed that the term "name" is intended to mean the full Christian or given names and surname in each case, and that in cities the street address of the petitioner's residence must be given, instead of only the name of the city.

At District Meetings the brethren were informed that the term "Board of General Purposes" applied to certain lodge committees is incorrect, and that "Committee of General Purposes" would be proper. The former name is correct for the Grand Lodge organization as per the Constitution. The usage in the United Grand Lodge of England is quoted in support of this direction.

Apart from the preceding, it is my pleasant duty to report only more or less informal questions at District Meetings and other places, which could be answered by reference to the Constitution.

It is recommended that this section of my address be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report thereon to Grand Lodge.

17. A LODGE FAILING TO MEET

I have asked the Board of General Purposes to report to you on the subject of a certain lodge that failed to meet after June, 1934, until April of this year.

18. MASONIC TRIALS

Upon the requests of two lodges, I appointed Commissions to try charges of Masonic offences. The work has not been completed, and the findings will, therefore, be submitted to my successor.

Another request for a Commission was declined until such time as more definite charges are preferred.

19. BY-LAWS OF LODGES

Several new sets of By-laws were submitted for confirmation. In each case I felt it desirable to offer to the lodge some suggestions, which were apparently considered to be worth-while, and amendments made accordingly. The By-laws were then confirmed. My opinion is that these are good models in the matter of being clear, concise and complete.

Six lodges submitted amendments to reduce the initiation fee. They were confirmed, as my opinion was that they had perhaps been a little high, even for good times, and considering all the circumstances of the respective districts affected.

Some amendments proposed a reduction of the annual dues. In several cases correspondence developed a change of opinion as to the desirability thereof and the amendments were withdrawn.

Just at this point let me say that experience in this jurisdiction, where annual dues vary from \$6.00 per year to \$15.00, seems to demonstrate that lowering the dues does not decrease the number of brethren who become in arrear, and generally speaking the amount assessed is in no way exorbitant. There are lodges collecting \$12.00 and \$15.00 per year that have a smaller percentage of brethren in arrear than in some lodges whose dues are only \$6.00.

20. GENERAL

I think that it may truthfully be said that the one outstanding ambition for my year of office has been to bring to the attention of my brethren of all the lodges something practical and practicable for the advancement of the ideals of Freemasonry and the good of the brethren.

For many years our thought and ambition has been "to make more Masons"; but we overlooked that the mere conferring of degrees did not complete the work. The result is that great numbers who carry up-to-date dues cards are not nearly so proficient in their knowledge of the meanings and implications of Faith, Hope and Charity, of the responsibilities of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and of the virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, as they should be.

I do believe that it is likely to be several years before we again see the flocking to the standards of Freemasonry that occurred during the decade 1920 to 1930. This may very well be a distinct blessing because we need a more careful analysis of prospective material, a more conservative and less liberal view of the Masonic qualifications in the man who wishes to become a Mason. I submit that there are necessary certain qualities of mind, certain ideals, ambitions and aspirations that should be expected in a prospective brother. Not just that he has a common form of honesty, has an important standing in the community, and has a few dollars. What are the inclinations of his heart? Is there an indication of a willingness to submit to the fraternal discipline of our Institution?

We must re-align our ideas to the thought that normal degree activity will be limited to one or two new brethren in a year, and

perhaps when we do this we can direct our efforts toward a new, happier Freemasonry.

The year just passed has been an active one and I doubt if we have ever before had such a definite development of constructive effort on the part of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and I find it difficult to express adequately my appreciation of the evident whole-hearted manner in which they entered into considerably extended duties. I shall be sorry indeed if, in time, the lodges do not appreciate very greatly what these officers have tried to do for them.

Before the close of the last Annual Communication it was my privilege to have a meeting with the District Deputy Grand Masters, at which a number of features to be attended to were discussed, mostly by myself, I regret to say, but this was due to lack of time available. Never-the-less, it was abundantly evident that I was blessed with seventeen keen, active Deputies, whose ambition was to get to work.

Within a few days after this meeting, a three foolscap page circular of confirmation of the discussion was dispatched to these officers.

Grand Lodge, last year, approved of the principle of a form of separate report for the D.D.G.M. to use for each individual lodge. This was shortly drawn up and comprised four foolscap sheets, embracing questions on nearly all angles of Masonic activity. The completion of this form did, I know, cause the D.D.G.M.'s an immense amount of work, probably involving in each case two or three hours with the Master and Secretary before the official visit to the lodge, but I believe that the extra effort was worth while.

As the individual reports were received, I read them carefully and sent to the respective D.D.G.M.'s my comments covering the facts brought out, with a request that they be transmitted to the Masters of the lodges concerned. Perhaps some were adversely critical, but the object was to encourage the lodge to effect improvements where such were needed. It is to be hoped that the lodges received my comments as an effort to be constructively helpful in their work.

The experience gained from reading the reports of the 156 lodges of this jurisdiction impels me to point out the following faults, not found in all lodges, but in sufficient of them to justify the suggestion that each Worshipful Master should examine the record of his own lodge and set himself to the task of making any needed corrections.

(a) A lack of punctuality in lodge work; inefficient planning of business, Work and other details, reflects to the detriment of the lodge as a whole.

(b) A certain slackness in attendance of officers might be construed to indicate a lack of appreciation of their responsibilities.

(c) Over-crowding of business or Work for a meeting discourages attendance. For instance, some lodges showed on the agenda for a regular meeting the usual general business, the passing of a ballot, and conferring of both the F. C. and M. M. degrees.

(d) It is desirable to have some more thorough plan for the training, guidance and assistance of lodge officers in order that they may develop their best abilities.

(e) The attendance record shows, to a considerable degree, the friendliness, sincerity and efficiency of the officers of a lodge—its

morale or tone, which is built up only by painstaking attention to all the details of Masonic activity.

(f) It was surprising to note the number of Secretaries who apparently overlook Sections 164, 196 and 213 of the Constitution.

(g) There seems a certain tendency to overlook or ignore the instructions in the front of our Grand Lodge Proceedings, that certain parts should be read in lodges.

(h) It seems appropriate to suggest that every lodge should take steps to improve, as and when they can, the lodge quarters, just as individually we are always trying to improve our own homes. A few lodges are having some financial difficulties with their Temples or Halls, and it is to be hoped that they will apply sincere and sustained efforts to right their affairs.

(j) Having talked and written so much on the subject of the collection of dues, I dislike to open it again and would but refer you to a circular sent recently to all brethren in the jurisdiction and another recent one to Masters and Secretaries.

My opinion is that only about five per cent (5%) of our lodges have evolved a sane, sound and fraternal method of dealing with the question of arrears of dues; the other 95 per cent have not done so.

(k) I suppose that because most lodges have no financial reserve, they have reduced their expenses to coincide with their available funds and it is a surprise to note how very few are in a bad financial shape. It does seem to me regrettable that so few lodges did not carefully and consistently save their initiation fees that they might now, in difficult times, have been able to extend some really needed help. My strong recommendation is that each lodge should provide by by-law that each initiation fee collected be segregated in a capital or reserve fund (not a benevolent fund) to be expended only by notice of motion.

(l) The subject of charitable activities gives one a strange feeling. In some quarters there seem to be such futile efforts, in others definite, worth while endeavors to be helpful, the latter of which have been productive of excellent results. From Grand Lodge thousands of dollars go out every year to help lodges to help needy brethren, and their families or widows. Many lodges do next to nothing, despite the cry of distress on all sides.

There are two kinds of charitable work—the “Passive,” which consists of waiting for some one to ask for help—one who perhaps will starve rather than ask—and “Active”, where the Master or his committee keeps everlastingly alert to the opportunity of doing good where the need is; in other words, to search out the distressed brethren and their dependents.

The first or primary call is on our own individual pocket books commensurate with our circumstances. Because a brother may be able to afford only \$5.00 to the lodge benevolent fund is no reason for another brother to restrict himself to the same, when ten times as much would not hurt him.

And back of what we may be able to do we have the support of Grand Lodge with funds to assist us; but the initiative must come from the lodges and the requests must be reasonable and just.

(m) Masonic Study and Education will be covered in the report of the appropriate committee. Suffice it for me to say that the subject is much broader than mere symbolism, philosophy and history, and

should include human relations and man's obligations to his brother man.

The Grand Lodge of New York has a plan called "The Lodge System of Education" and some other Grand Lodges, notably Massachusetts, have similar ones that appeal strongly to me. Briefly, the plan is that each new brother, as he progresses through the degrees, is given carefully prepared information, including historical background, idealism, laws, philosophy and symbolism and general Masonic information, supplementing and explaining the ritualistic work. The effort is, of course, directed to making the new brother a fully informed Mason, imbued with Masonic principles and ideals.

The Grand Lodge of New York graciously consented to our use of the plan, and one of our lodges, Zetland, No. 83, has adopted it in amended form to suit that lodge's opinion of its own needs and desires. It is to be hoped that it bears the fruit that it deserves.

These are some impressions received from the reports and my reason for bringing them to your attention is to try to enlist your individual and collective support towards the ideal of getting each lodge on a real basis of worth-while Masonic work. This requires a well-rounded plan of efficient organization of ordinary business and financial affairs, a steady improvement in ritualistic work, a better assimilation of our new brethren and the proper instilling in all of our members true Masonic principles and ideals, an appreciation of the beauties of the symbolism and philosophy of Freemasonry and a development of charitable hearts in the true sense of the term.

The building up of lodge pride, tone, or morale, is most important and of course it depends upon the manner in which all the different features of Masonic endeavor are handled and upon the way in which we individually carry into every day life the true principles of the Craft.

I lay great emphasis on the necessity of building an "esprit de corps" in every lodge, and it would be a joy to hear every brother say, "I belong to the best lodge," if he means the best lodge for him. I should then feel that there is a real "pride of lodge" and that every brother is willing and anxious to advance the cause of his lodge, which in turn would advance that of Freemasonry as a whole, in spreading Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

I believe that much Masonic work is being done outside of the lodge room and outside of purely Masonic circles. That is as it should be, for if we understand aright our teachings, they are to be carried into the outer world. Perhaps we may justifiably claim that the influence of Masonry extends far beyond the boundaries of our lodge rooms and that Masonic teachings have impelled brethren to take part in worth while enterprises to the general good of mankind.

Many of our brethren are active in Boy Scout work, of which surely every one of us will approve, because it is a step toward the greatly to be desired common understanding between men of all Nations, and because it leads boys upward to a manhood founded on all that is just, right and true.

Another activity that comes to mind is The Wood's Home for Orphan Children, in Calgary. It is not a Masonic Home, yet on the Board of Trustees are many Masons, ranging in rank from Master Masons to Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters of this Grand

Lodge, who work earnestly and are supported actively by brethren in widely spread districts of our Province. All these brethren are doing real Masonic work in supporting an institution which looks after over one hundred children who have not the benefit of parents' care.

There are many other works of a more or less public nature which our brethren are supporting with their talents, time and money. These instances should bring to our attention that Freemasonry is not made up of a select body of men who only devote their energies to something contained within the four walls of a lodge room, but rather that good deeds and worthy efforts are to be extended far into the outer world. Freemasons, everywhere, if they fully realize their responsibilities, will be indefatigable in the duties of good citizens.

21. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The North West Territories of Canada are at present in course of development, particularly in mineral fields. Masonically, they are unoccupied and it is therefore my recommendation that the Grand Lodge of Alberta formally declare its claim to jurisdiction over all of that part of the Territories lying West of the Fourth Meridian of Longitude.

2. In view of certain questions raised with reference to Section 167 of the Constitution, I would recommend that this section be interpreted to permit a lodge to be opened in an emergent meeting only, to the highest degree in which a degree is to be conferred, and to be closed from the same; provided that no ordinary business beyond the reading of the summons to the meeting is conducted.

3. It has been found that in many lodges there is a lack of understanding of the proper preparation of annual financial statements. I would, therefore, recommend the appointment of a small committee to draw up a suitable form with the necessary instructions therewith, the same to be sent to the lodges for guidance. This suggestion is not intended to prohibit lodges from preparing their own forms of statement, provided such are as complete and intelligible as the proposed form.

4. It is recommended that a committee be appointed to consider a better plan of imparting to incoming District Deputy Grand Masters, full information and instruction in the various duties of their office. It might be considered desirable to arrange that the D.D.G.M.'s remain an additional day following the close of Grand Lodge and that Grand Lodge pay their expenses for this extra time.

5. It is recommended that wherever in our Work or Ceremonies the term "Worshipful Master" appears as though used by the Master as describing himself, the term be made to read "Master."

6. In a recent circular letter to Masters and Secretaries of lodges, I suggested that there be sent to the Grand Secretary's office the names and addresses of all their brethren who are now residing closer to other lodges, so that the latter might be informed and some steps taken to encourage a continuance of active Masonic interest. I think that this should produce desirable results, and would recommend Grand Lodge's approval and the appointment of a small committee to put the suggestion into operation.

7. As to Life Memberships, I recommend the appointment of a committee to consider and advise Grand Lodge at its next Annual

Communication, as to the basis on which such might be granted by lodges, and suitable fees to Grand Lodge. The suggestion arises out of the wide variation of conditions as between the different lodges, and legislation in this Grand Lodge may be considered desirable.

8. It is recommended that a small committee be appointed to work with the Grand Secretary in re-drafting of forms used in Grand Lodge and lodge work, and that they be empowered to adopt any changes necessary. Two forms particularly in mind are:

(1) The present form of notice to a brother regarding delinquency in dues is worded in a harsh, peremptory manner, that is out of place.

(2) The form of Petition for Affiliation might well be modelled after that of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, which provides for communication with the lodge from which the brother hails, and also provides for filing with the Grand Secretary dimit or certificate of standing.

9. It seems appropriate to recommend that District Deputy Grand Masters make their official visits to their lodges in the period between their investiture and the end of the calendar year, so far as is practicable, and to submit their reports thereon at that time. This is not intended to discourage other visitations, but to secure for the officers of Grand Lodge whatever advantage may be available from the consideration of the individual reports upon the lodges, as well as to overcome the duplication of work that occurs when two different District Deputy Grand Masters make two reports on the same lodge in the same calendar year.

10. The Custodian of the York Rite has attended almost every District Meeting each year for the past four years, often at considerable inconvenience as he is a business man with important interests requiring attention, and it is therefore my opinion that we should not impose on this brother's willingness to give service to the Craft and that his attendance once in every three years should satisfy each District.

11. It would appear that in some towns in which there is no lodge, a number of brethren organize themselves into a committee and arrange for a dinner, banquet, dance or some other function which is expressly or by implication indicated as being associated with the Masonic Fraternity. While it is not suggested that anything unbecoming to the Craft has taken place at any of these functions, it would appear to me that they should not be permitted, except under the sponsorship of the nearest lodge in the District and with the responsibility for its proper conduct resting with the Master of the lodge. It is my recommendation that Grand Lodge rule accordingly.

12. I repeat, in slightly modified form, a recommendation of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, presented to Grand Lodge in 1929. It is that, as an experiment, Grand Lodge issue a Bulletin under the following arrangements:

(a) The experiment be for ten months from September, 1935, to June, 1936.

(b) The Bulletin be issued monthly in mimeographed form of two or three pages per issue.

(c) Three copies be furnished free to each lodge.

(d) It contain any message or instruction desired by the Grand Master to be conveyed to the lodges.

(e) It be devoid of "local" news items.

(f) The main portion be devoted to quotation of interesting and instructive articles or papers of more or less general Masonic interest, to be obtained from Masonic periodicals published throughout the world, so far as reprint of such may be permitted by the publishers.

(g) There be an editorial committee of three or four who could, possibly, divide the duties in some manner so that each would be responsible for two or three issues.

(h) Certain Masonic periodicals be subscribed to, additional to those at present received in our Grand Lodge office.

(i) Estimates of cost: Mimeograph work—\$9.00 per issue; Postage—\$2.00 per issue; Subscriptions—\$25.00. Total estimated cost for ten months—\$135.00.

(j) At the next Annual Communication, Grand Lodge consider the desirability of continuance and of putting the Bulletin on a self-sustaining subscription basis.

The purpose is, of course, educational in nature. The opinion of many distinguished brethren is that we suffer from a poorly informed membership, and that any step for the encouragement of reading and understanding of Masonic matters of any kind is worthy of support.

I suggest that clause (i) be referred to the Committee on Finance for report.

13. I believe that Grand Lodge should take into consideration, in the near future, the desirability of increasing the staff of the Grand Lodge office. The Grand Secretary should be relieved of an immense amount of detail to which he has now to give attention, in order that he may have the opportunity of organizing and directing matters of some importance. As it is, lack of time precludes the possibility of giving some matters attention and there is no doubt of the need of many lodges of assistance and direction from the Grand Secretary's office.

14. The mass of detail in the work of the Committee on Benevolence takes considerable time of the Grand Secretary's office, and it would seem to me only fair that the Relief Fund should provide for a reasonable share of the administration expenses, the whole of which is now borne by the General Funds of Grand Lodge.

15. I would urge the desirability of the issue of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge within six weeks after the Annual Communication, so that the Master of each lodge would have an opportunity of studying them and presenting to his lodge at the September meeting a reasonably comprehensive review of the same. The Review of Fraternal Correspondence is one detail that might require a little re-organization in order to make the recommendation effective.

CONCLUSION

On the eve of relinquishing the office of Grand Master of Masons, I find it most difficult to fully express my thanks to you, my brethren, for this, greatest of all honours, that you have conferred upon me, but my greatest satisfaction will only be attained if the efforts in your behalf bear some fruit that meets with your approval; if some experience and knowledge has come to me which can, in the future, be put to the service of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

My entrance into the duties of the office was with a sense of unpreparedness, and with a wish that I could have had much greater Masonic experience, before embarking upon them; yet the support and encouragement given me on all sides by the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and other brethren has made it seem to me that something worthwhile may have been accomplished. I would particularly mention my debt to our Grand Secretary, ever ready, willing and gracious with his help and with a mind full of sound Masonic experience.

You have given me a year filled with pleasant associations in all parts of our fair Province, aye and filled with work, which will be a lasting joy and satisfaction to me for the rest of my life.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That the Grand Master's Address, as presented, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, and that certain portions of it be referred to the appropriate committees as suggested in the Address."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Calgary, June 12, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

*"Men drop so fast ere life's mid
stage we tread,
Few know so many friends alive as
dead."*

Another year with its lights and shadows; its pleasures and heart-aches; its joys and sorrows, has passed into the great ocean of eternity and we stand upon its shore and mournfully gaze upon the remembered faces of our beloved ones who have been embraced within its bosom.

At this time we must pause in the midst of our labors to recall the memories of those of our fraternity who since our last communication have passed to the Great Beyond. Each of us must take that long journey that leads to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Each lodge has its own who have slipped away and whose faces we shall not in this world again look upon. Not all are known to this Grand Lodge, but each is known and loved and missed in his own locality and some there be who, because of ability and fortuitous circumstances of fate have been permitted to labor in a larger field and to be known by this governing body of the Fraternity.

We shall miss them one and all, their sunny smiles, their warm hand-slaps, their words of counsel and of wisdom. Indeed their very presence will linger long in our memory and fond recollections will cause us to rejoice that we had the joy and privilege of their fraternal association and cherished fellowship.

The wise philosophy of our Beloved Order brings us consolation in this sad hour of separation. The ever living sprig of Acacia teaches us that there is a blessed land of immortality towards which we are all journeying.

During the year 136 brethren of our own Grand Jurisdiction answered the summons to attend the Grand Lodge above. Their names will appear in the Memorial pages of the printed Proceedings.

Our sincere sympathies go out to Sister Grand Jurisdictions who have suffered the loss of brethren near and dear to them.

And so the final thought in the report of your committee is that, while we shall think of them as long as life shall last, and while we shall ask that these pages in the Proceedings be set apart for a printed memorial, after all, the greatest memorial which we can erect to these departed brethren is to take to a fulfillment the cause for which they strove.

*"So when this corruptible shall have
put on incorruption, and this mortal
shall have put on immortality, then
shall be brought to pass the saying that
is written.*

*"Death is swallowed up in victory.
Oh Death where is thy sting? Oh grave
where is thy victory?"*

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. WHITBY, *Chairman.*

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby (11), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. West (7), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge be assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1935:

February 1st, 1934, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 2,654.23
Total Deposits.....	17,891.65
	<u>\$20,545.88</u>
<i>Less:</i>	
Cheques issued	\$11,071.33
Transfers to Benevolent and Relief Funds..	6,351.00
	<u>17,422.33</u>
January 31, 1935, Cash in Bank....	\$ 3,123.55

A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. J. SNADDON,
Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

The Grand Master requested the D.D.G.M.'s to give short summaries of their reports, which will be printed in full in the Proceedings.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:30 p.m:

First Day = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master then called for nominations for the office of Grand Master. The Grand Secretary stated that one nomination only had been received, being for R. W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey, D.G.M. The Grand Master accordingly declared R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey unanimously elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 15, 1935:

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

For your consideration and approval, I have the honour to present my report as your deputy for District No. 1.

VISITATIONS

Prior to December last, I completed my first round of visits with the object of leaving that month free for Installations.

It will be generally admitted that every lodge, like every brother, has its own distinct individuality or entity, the quest of which is of never-failing interest. Whilst perhaps it may not be always quite definable after a first visit, yet there is one outstanding characteristic common to all. Like the lone red strand running throughout a naval rope, so runs throughout this district the sincere and undoubted loyalty to Grand Lodge. This was proved repeatedly by the kind and courteous reception and consideration I received in your name at every one of my visits. Also by the genuine ring of the vocal expressions without exception.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in Calgary on 20th October last, at which there was a good attendance; though I could have wished it were a better representation of the district as a whole. M. W. Bro. Bowes, G.M., honored us by an official visit and a most instructive and

constructive address, which was greatly praised and appreciated by all for its helpful thoughts. M. W. Bros. Patterson, Blair, Connacher, Kemmis and Selwood, P.G.M.'s, and R. W. Bro. Macaulay, S.G.W., accompanied our G.M. Numerous topics of general interest were freely discussed, from which one hoped some benefit was derived.

The ballots of D.D.G.M. for 1935-36 resulted in the election of W. Bro. F. Parker of Perfection Lodge No. 9.

GRAND MASTER'S VISITS

It was my privilege and honour to attend our Grand Master on five occasions. To his own lodge, Zetland No. 83, on November 15th, on their 21st anniversary and to see him receive at the hands of his brethren an Honourary and a Life Membership, and also a presentation. Genuine expressions of personal esteem and affection. Altogether a charming evening.

To St. Mark's No. 118 on their 14th anniversary on November 24th, and to No. 83 again on December 20th to see him conduct the Installation ceremony. This was a noteworthy occasion as all the resident eighteen P. M.'s took part. To Crescent No. 87, on April 23rd last, and to Ashlar No. 28 on May 9th, which was an outstanding event as the G.M.'s, D.G.M.'s and G. Secy's of our two adjacent Grand Jurisdictions were also present.

FRATERNAL VISITS

There is a whole-hearted agreement in the district as to the value and benefit of fraternal visits. If invitations in some instances have been at all curtailed it was simply economic prudence. With improved general conditions they will no doubt again be extended as freely as every brother would wish.

ATTENDANCE

In many cases this was regrettable. Some brethren stayed away as they could not pay their dues. A mistake. I wish to commend all the Masters who organized attendance committees and charts, and would urge the brethren to heed. Masters and officers deeply appreciate their presence and are cheered by the contact. A well-attended meeting creates and inspires its own interest. Nothing is more contagious than enthusiasm, and paradoxically, the least and best a brother can do to show that he is mindful and worthy of the privilege, is to attend his lodge when able.

FINANCE

If, in some instances, this seems an enduring problem yet I believe generally there is growing a more hopeful and optimistic feeling. Where ever needful, I have stressed your advice in reference to unpaid dues, advocating their constitutional clearance without needless delay. The wisdom of this I believe is now generally realized, rather than continuing to carry them with faint hopes.

WORK

Throughout the district, where degrees have been conferred or exemplified, the work has been highly commendable. The Masters and officers concerned showed a thorough grasp, keenness, and a worthy desire to excel and impress. Lovers of the Craft, appreciative of our heritage and literary ritual, and who are jealous that its ancient dignity

be preserved, will be gratified by this I am sure. Equally sure am I that I shall not be thought hyper-critical if to that end I offer a few suggestions.

Let me say they are neither formed nor offered in haste, but are based upon past years' observance. To junior and would-be officers I would say, study the Proceedings, Constitution, ceremonies, charges, and your By-laws. I do not mean merely read, memorize, and repeat, parrot-like, but grasp the intent, which comes only from intimacy. To officers, seek practice and so become unafraid of your own voice. To Masters, take a long view to the East in choosing your juniors.

Our annual Installation ceremony is perhaps the most important and beautiful. It merits careful preparation. To Directors of Ceremonies, I would suggest they be pre-assured that all taking part know their duties; that jewels be laid out in the order of investiture; that it is "detail" which makes for smoothness and dignity.

REPORTS

Your comments on the individual lodge reports have been duly passed on to each lodge, except a few, on my second visit. They will be completed this month. In every case they received interested attention. Many noted omissions had already been rectified since my first visit, and action was promised on your suggestions wherever possible.

BENEVOLENCE

In what some of us are inclined to think are lean years, this is an important phase of our interests. Superficially, or on the mere basis of lodge records, nothing very extraordinary seems to be apparent. This of course is in keeping. Yet it is astonishing and heartening to learn of the many ways in which it receives attention both from lodges and individual brethren. So, M. W. Sir, I would like to assure you there is little need for apprehension in this regard, and to commend the lodges and brethren to whom I have above referred.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

The chief object of this committee is, of course, to create and instil Craft consciousness. Some districts would appear to have better success than others. If we believe with Keats that "Beauty is Truth, Truth Beauty," then, if I have conceived my duty rightly, candour compels the admission of only a partial success in this district. Repeatedly has it been said to me that the programme did not appeal. Some papers I have myself heard were mere paraphrases of portions of ritual, or strings of verbatim quotations without any original connecting links. Not at all, of course, the committee's idea of suitable papers. It is a laudable object to encourage young members to study Masonry; but papers of this kind defeat their object and discourage attendance. It would be futile to be ostrich-like. Let us face facts. With all due deference to our R. W. Bro. Chairman, I would suggest the trial of a parallel or alternative programme, based upon the modern practice and usage of Freemasonry, and in some countries, its vicissitudes. A young country lives in the present. Few but the historian, the student, the leisured, and aged, in the past; they all being a small minority in this district.

VALEDICTORY

It may be true that "a prophet is without honour in his own country." Conversely it may be that an honour is without profit to

its bearer. Mine is not such an instance. It has been for me a liberal education. For what in prospect roused one's apprehension, will be in retrospect to me a lasting joy. So to my brethren, for their expressed confidence, I offer my humble, heartfelt thanks, and to you, M. W. Sir, my grateful duty for ratifying their choice. Wherein I have fallen short I would ask your gracious pardon. Though I may not claim to have added any lustre to this honour, yet I dare to hope I relinquish it to my successor undimmed.

It would be invidious to particularize when all have been so generous; still, I should be sadly remiss did I not here thank W. Bro. Frisken for either driving or arranging my transportation on out of town visits at much personal sacrifice.

To my good companion and Secretary, W. Bro. McKechnie, of No. 54, I would pay a most grateful tribute for his unfailing and cheerful assistance in any and every way possible.

In closing, let me say with Henley:

*"My task is ended,
The long day done;
My wages taken,
And in my heart some late lark singing."*

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM NOBLE,
D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Medicine Hat, May 15, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report of the activities of lodges in the Second Masonic District during the year June, 1934, to date.

Every lodge in the district will have been visited at least once and some a number of times during my term of office.

I consider I am correct in reporting quite definite progress having taken place in matters Masonic in the district this year. There is an improvement in the arrears of dues situation, some lodges having considerably reduced such arrears, while others are slightly higher; but the total is down some \$640.00 and I am informed further progress is being made in collections since the first of the year. I have emphasized the importance of this on all occasions.

Below I give a brief resume of the Statistical Report, noted hereon—Net decrease in membership—19, computed as follows:

Decrease: Deaths—16; Susp. N.P.D.—10; Dimits—9; Total—35.
Increase: By Initiation—6; Affiliation—4; Restoration—6;
Total—16.
Net Decrease—19.

Total Liquid Assets of lodges in District (Cash and Bonds).....	\$11,540.78
Total Liabilities.....	2,541.46
Total Assets over Liabilities.....	25,986.57
Expended in Benevolence.....	783.03
Total Insurance in force.....	15,600.00
Lodges owing their building—3. Renting their quarters—5.	

My official visits were as follows:

Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57.....	Nov. 8th, 1934
Mizpah Lodge No. 35.....	Nov. 20th, 1934
Mizpah Lodge No. 35.....	Apr. 16th, 1935
Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2.....	Nov. 27th, 1934
Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2.....	Apr. 9th, 1935
Manyberries Lodge No. 133.....	Nov. 21st, 1934
Quarry Lodge No. 70.....	Feb. 5th, 1935
Bow Island Lodge No. 64.....	Feb. 19th 1935
Bassano Lodge No. 55.....	May 8th, 1935
Brooks Lodge No. 73 (will be visited) ..	May 21st, 1935

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held on October 24th, 1934, in the Masonic Hall, City of Medicine Hat, and was one of the most successful of such occasions in many years. There were 147 registered present at the afternoon session; every lodge in the district being represented. The meeting was opened promptly by the officers of Quarry Lodge No. 70 and closed by the officers of Manyberries Lodge No. 133. M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, Grand Master, was present; accompanied by M. W. Bros. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary; G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M.; W. M. Connacher, P.G.M., Custodian of the York Work; R. W. Bros. W. J. Snaddon, Grand Treasurer; W. Ireland, Chairman of Grand Lodge Committee on Benevolence.

Short reports were given by the Masters respecting Masonic conditions in their lodges. A suggested form of Opening and Closing a "Canadian Work Lodge" was exemplified by the officers of Mizpah Lodge No. 35. The presiding D.D.G.M. presented R. W. Bro. J. R. Donaldson with a P.D.D.G.M.'s Jewel on behalf of the lodges in the district. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney of Manyberries Lodge No. 133 was elected to the office of D.D.G.M. for Masonic District No. 2 for the year June, 1935, to 1936, and the place of meeting for the District Meeting for the year 1935 was left in the hands of the incoming Grand Master.

The evening session was given over to a banquet and address and was attended by well over 200 Masons. The Grand Master gave a splendid and very practical address on Masonry in general. Other Grand Officers present spoke briefly on appropriate Masonic subjects, and those proposing and responding to toasts gave much good material for thought. With an excellent menu and musical programme, splendid addresses, and a general feeling of good fellowship prevailing, the meeting was a distinct success.

Below I give a brief report of my official visits to lodges in the district, complete reports having already been forwarded on forms provided for that purpose, at time of visit.

November 8th, 1934.—In company with a number of members of both Medicine Hat Lodges, I visited Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57. There

was no degree work, and the number of members present was not large; the visitors outnumbering them. This lodge has had a difficult time, and has only been able to survive due to the determination and excellent Masonic spirit of the members. There is evidence of improvement in the tone and general condition, and I am hoping to be able to pay another visit before the expiration of my term of office, in order to encourage them further. The books, minutes and records were in good order.

November 20th, 1934.—I visited Mizpah Lodge No. 35, at Medicine Hat. There was no degree work; but the business on hand was efficiently done and an excellent address given on Masonic Research.

I again visited this lodge on April 16th, 1935, when the second degree was conferred by the officers of the lodge in a skilful and impressive manner. The tone of this lodge is very good, officers efficient, books and records excellently kept, and an interesting Historical Register has been completed. Past Masters maintain keen interest and assist the officers ably. Much work is done by this lodge in Masonic Research, by study, lectures and plays. There is a splendid, harmonious co-operation between the Medicine Hat Masonic lodges.

November 21st, 1934.—In spite of inclement weather and treacherous roads, some thirty Medicine Hat brethren accompanied me on my visit to Manyberries Lodge No. 133. This lodge is active and enthusiastic and doing good work. No degree was conferred; but the work done was carried on in a businesslike manner, and the closing of the lodge indicated efficiency on the part of the officers. Secretarial work is well done, and in good hands, books and records being well kept. The lodge is interested in Masonic Research. I had every intention of visiting this lodge a second time; but impassable road conditions prevented my doing so.

November 27th, 1934.—My first official visit to Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 was the occasion of an emergent communication for the conferring of the Third degree. I received a warm welcome in this my mother lodge. The lodge also received a very welcome visit from M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, who delivered an interesting and inspiring address of the type one has come to expect from him. While the closing hour was late, the time was well and profitably spent.

On April 9th, 1935, I again officially visited this lodge at their regular communication when the second degree was conferred on two candidates. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which this lodge exemplifies its degree work, it is as nearly perfect as can be expected. The general tone, esprit de corps of this lodge is excellent. A considerable sum was dispensed in Benevolence during 1934. The secretarial work, books, records, etc., are all kept in an excellent manner, and a very complete Historical Record has been completed. Past Masters are active in assisting the officers. Considerable Research study, lectures and plays are features of the work of this lodge. It has a splendid Library.

December 27th, 1934.—St. John's Night. The Medicine Hat lodges and Quarry Lodge No. 70, did me the honor of inviting me to install their officers at a Joint Installation meeting. I was very ably assisted by several Past Masters of the three lodges, and I performed the ceremony of Installing and Investing the Officers for the year 1935. The attendance was very large. The evening was devoted to the usual St. John's Night banquet, at which very appropriate and excellent ad-

dresses and toasts were given. W. Bro. C. W. Niblock of Mizpah Lodge acted as Toastmaster in a very adequate and acceptable manner.

March 5th, 1935.—I officially visited Quarry Lodge No. 70, at Redcliff in company with a number of brethren from Medicine Hat. Two candidates received their first degree and I was impressed with the sincere and dignified manner in which this work was done. The officers evidently had given much time in preparation. The records and books are well and capably kept. Past Masters are active, and a good spirit prevails. Interest in Research Work is considerable. Several of the brethren of this lodge have accompanied me on my visits. The arrears of taxes situation on the building is still bad, and at present this lodge is renting its own Hall. This an unsatisfactory situation and every effort should be made to correct it. Dues are all too low.

Quarry Lodge has the distinction of having in the office of Chaplain, a member who is probably the oldest active Mason in Canada, in the person of Bro. W. Henderson, who has passed his ninety-seventh birthday. This Grand Old Man of Masonry is a most efficient Chaplain, and speaks with firmness and clarity, both in the work he memorises and when called on extemporarily. May he long be spared, and, should he make his "Century" I hope the Masons of Alberta will extend him a fitting tribute to his great age and long and faithful Masonic service.

March 19th, 1935.—Bow Island Lodge No. 64 was officially visited on this date, several Medicine Hat brethren making the journey also. The work and tone of this lodge shows a marked improvement over occasions on which I have previously attended, and I am pleased indeed to be able to report this situation. The officers are earnest in their work, and I was greatly impressed with the thorough and dignified manner in which the second degree was conferred on a candidate. The secretarial work and records are well kept, and while the amount of Benevolence extended was small, I am assured it is not being neglected. They are taking up the study of Masonic Research, and I look for continued improvement in the work done by Bow Island Lodge.

May 8th, 1935.—With a number of members of both Medicine Hat lodges I officially visited Bassano Lodge No. 55. The first degree was conferred in a very fitting and capable manner. This lodge had the misfortune to lose by removal from Bassano, no less than five or more of their oncoming officers, which presented a problem which was solved only through the Masonic spirit shown by a number of Past Masters in again taking office, R. W. Bro. Donaldson resuming the helm again, in spite of having only just completed his term as D.D.G.M., and through this action the work has been carried on without interruption and in a manner to be expected from members of this calibre. Secretarial work is given proper attention and the books, records etc., are well kept. The lodge room and appointments are excellent and a credit to the members of Bassano Lodge. They possess a good library.

Brooks Lodge No. 73.—It is my intention to visit this lodge on the 21st inst. A suitable date prior to this could not be arranged; but this lodge to my knowledge is in a splendid condition; well officered; and their finances are good. They own their Hall free of encumbrances. Their Secretary is very efficient and books, records etc., are up to date and in good order.

This may appear to be a somewhat stereotyped report, but it represents conditions as I found them without going into details which have already been supplied. If it were possible for the lodges in the district to arrange their meetings so that they do not conflict with each other,

it would greatly facilitate the work of the D.D.G.M. (who is usually a busy man in his own vocation) and would permit of more frequent visits and greater interlodge co-operation and visiting, which is important in aiding to promote a strong fraternal spirit and cementing Masonic ties.

I would recommend also, that each lodge in each district appoint a committee to arrange whenever possible and feasible (distance being considered) to be represented on the occasion of an official visit by the D.D.G.M. to any other lodge, to make it a real Masonic occasion for each lodge. A short research programme should be arranged by one of the lodges, which will promote Masonic Education and interest.

I would also recommend that practical consideration be given to the establishing of a definite objective in which each Alberta Mason will participate; or the starting of a fund to provide for the higher education of the orphans and children of less fortunate Masons, in the way of scholarships or a Masonic College. Ten cents per month per member would be very little, but would aggregate a fair sum as a nucleus. At present we have no such work under way and run the risk of stultifying. Let us justify our existence in Alberta.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of District No. 2 for the honor they have done me, in electing me as their D.D.G.M. for the Masonic year just closing. I have endeavored to carry out the duties of this office in a fitting and thorough manner and trust I have warranted your confidence.

I wish to thank those brethren who have accompanied and assisted me on each of my visits. It has been a great help to me, and has encouraged the lodges visited.

I particularly desire to extend my warm thanks to R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams for so ably and unselfishly assisting me in the capacity of District Secretary. Without his valuable help I should have found it difficult to cope with all the work and situations that have had to be dealt with during my term of office.

I have endeavored on my visits to instil an appreciation of the individual responsibilities of each one of us towards our membership in this great Order, to recall the vow taken in the N.E. corner of the lodge at our Initiation and to emphasize the need for the definite objective to which the Masons of Alberta should contribute.

I have enjoyed my visits and appreciated the cordial welcome I have received on each and every occasion from the several lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

H. NORMAN DAVIS,
D.D.G.M. District No 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edson, May 1, 1935

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on Masonic District No. 3 for 1934-35.

During my term of office I have visited all the lodges in the district as often as I possibly could, and regret my inability to visit the two outlying lodges during the term of the present Master.

My first official act was to assist V. W. Bro. F. C. Glover at the installation of the officers of my own lodge, Edson No. 68, on June 21, 1934. Some two weeks later I was introduced, on July 5, 1934, as the D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 to the assembled brethren in the same room, the occasion being the annual visit of the brethren of Jasper Park Lodge No. 143, who conferred the second degree on two candidates.

JASPER PARK LODGE No. 143

I paid my official visit to this lodge on September 29, 1934. I was accompanied on this occasion by W. Bros. A. K. Leighs, A. H. Mahan, A. D. A. MacMillan and several of the brethren of Edson Lodge, it being the annual visit of Edson Lodge to Jasper Park Lodge, but as the Jasper highway was in poor condition there was only a small attendance of the Edson brethren. W. Bro. Leighs and Bro. James Bryson, S.W., assisted by the officers of Jasper Park Lodge conferred the third degree on two candidates. I had the privilege at this time of addressing the brethren on the subject of Benevolence.

On October 9, 1934, I visited Edmonton Lodge No. 7, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey and R. W. Bro. A. West, the purpose of my visit to the city being to make final preparations for the District Meeting on October 13, 1934.

DISTRICT MEETING

This meeting of Districts Nos. 3 and 12, held in Edmonton on October 13, 1934, was the poorest in respect to attendance that I have seen in Edmonton there being only 54 members of District No. 3 present. It was opened at 1:30 p.m. by W. Bro. M. A. McIntyre and officers of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92. The D.D.G.M.'s were received and R. W. Bro. John Thomson assumed the Gavel. R. W. Bro. F. W. Burton retired to escort the Grand Master into the lodge. R. W. Bros. A. West and J. Madill gave epitomes of their 1933 reports. Brethren stood in respect to the memory of Bro. V. C. Mulvey, whose funeral was taking place at that time, and the District Secretary was requested to write a letter of sympathy.

There was a discussion on the items covered by the programme, the Grand Master giving advice and criticism. R. W. Bro. H. B. Fowler and team exemplified a method of opening and closing lodges. Questions were answered by the Custodians and M. W. Bro. Connacher was thanked by the brethren for his untiring work.

In the evening short papers were given on Education and Secretaries' duties. The M. W. the Grand Master gave a general talk, treating with arrears, suspensions, dues and fees, regular budgeting, life membership, etc. R. W. Bros. A. West and J. Madill were presented with P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia. W. Bro. Robert Cockburn (81) and W. Bro. T. Govenlock (153), were elected D.D.G.M.'s for Districts Nos. 3 and 12 respectively, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. John Martland and team gave an extended explanation of the first degree and the meeting was closed at 10:55 p.m.

WETASKIWIN LODGE No. 15

I visited this lodge on October 18th, 1934, being accompanied by the Grand Registrar, R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse; R. W. Bro. A. West, the Master, W. Bro. J. R. Reed, and all the officers and a goodly num-

ber of the brethren of Edmonton Lodge No. 7. Two brethren were raised, the Work being well done. W. Bro. Fraser was assisted by his Past Masters who give able support in this lodge. Everyone enjoyed the interesting talk by Bro. (Rev.) A. R. Schrag, the subject being "Remember now thy Creator", which to my mind was very fitting. We all enjoyed a very profitable and pleasant evening, there being 80 present.

COMMERCIAL LODGE No. 81

The 21st Anniversary was celebrated on Thursday, November 22nd, 1934, the M. W. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, D.D.G.M., Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain and brethren from a number of city lodges being present. The lodge was fortunate that evening in having their first Master, V. W. Bro. C. G. Davidson, occupy the Chair, who gave a short outline of the history leading to the formation of the lodge and paid great tribute to the then officers of Unity Lodge No. 51, especially R. W. Bro. David McIntosh, who incidentally has been a tower of strength in Freemasonry in Edmonton and vicinity. The lodge was also fortunate in having with it that evening seven original officers and fourteen Past Masters.

The M. W. the Grand Master gave a short congratulatory address to the lodge on attaining its majority, and expressed a hope for even greater success in the future.

The brethren adjourned to the Hudsonia, where a delicious repast was served, about 250 being present, which was followed by short addresses from M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell and others. R. W. Bro. Bruce Flavin and his committee are to be commended for the success they made of the evening.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE No. 34

On November 6, 1934, accompanied by R. W. Bro. F. W. Burton, D.D.G.M. of District No. 12; the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby and R. W. Bros. Fowler, Thomson, West, Gaunt, Lyttle and Coote, W. Bros. Bradley and Reed and several Past Masters and brethren from Edmonton lodges, I paid my official visit. As this lodge has had no degree work for several years I had the Master and his officers exemplify some portions of the Work which were well done indeed. This lodge has never written up its Historical Register, and I suggested that they get busy on it as I would be back again in the Spring.

I again visited the lodge on April 2, 1935, accompanied by M. W. Bro. John Martland and a number of Edmonton brethren, who gave a portrayal of the first degree, which was well enjoyed by those present. I only wish that there could be more inter-visits between lodges, for the fellowship created is well worth while.

MERIDIAN LODGE No. 129

On November 14, 1934, I visited this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. E. H. Mitchell of Unity Lodge, R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, Grand Chaplain, the W. M. and senior officers of Onoway Lodge No. 138, being present, as well as two brethren from Evansburg, fifty miles away. The Master being absent at this time I am to visit this lodge again on May 8, 1935, when M. W. Bro. Martland and several well known Edmonton brethren will accompany me. I have been requested

to present a set of Masonic works to the lodge, the gift of a brother of Unity Lodge, which will give me great pleasure.

EDSON LODGE No. 68

This being my own lodge I paid my official visit on December 20, 1934, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Wm. Jellis. The Master and his officers conferred the third degree on a candidate in a very creditable manner, being complimented for their excellence by a number of visitors. This lodge is fortunate in having its Past Masters take a great interest in the welfare of the lodge, its Past Masters' Night being one of the events of the year.

EDMONTON LODGE No. 7

On January 22, 1935, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Registrar, R. W. Bro. A. West and W. Bros. Ottewell and Dyer, I visited this lodge and received a very cordial welcome. A special feature at this meeting was an address by W. Bro. Ottewell in his usual very capable manner. Notwithstanding the extreme, cold, it being 30 degrees below zero, there was a very fair attendance.

COMMERCIAL LODGE No. 81

Accompanied by W. Bros. Flavin and Whitby I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 2, 1935. I found the lodge in very capable hands, and the senior officers are to be commended for the effort they are making towards the collection of arrears of dues. I wish that some of the brethren in District No. 3 could see their Historical Register. It is a credit to any lodge and especially to the Registrar. I am sorry that I could not pay another visit to Commercial.

UNITY LODGE No. 51

On March 5, 1935, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bros. West, Thomson and Whitby, I visited this lodge officially, which is suffering somewhat from the fact that its Master resides 70 miles outside of Edmonton. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer were well and neatly kept, but the lodge was not coping with the situation of arrears of dues as actively as it should.

At a later date the Deputy Grand Master and myself attended an executive meeting of the officers and put forward certain proposals which I hope will prove beneficial to the lodge.

The books and records of the lodges in this district are all in excellent shape, with one or two exceptions, and promises were made that these would be brought up to date.

There has been very little degree work, but any that I was privileged to witness was well exemplified and forcefully delivered. I had the two country lodges exemplify different portions of the work and was well pleased with the results obtained.

On every occasion I have stressed the importance of coping with the question of arrears of dues, writing up the Historical Register and tried to show how much this book would be appreciated in the years to come. Also I have repeatedly emphasized the necessity of a better attendance of the officers and Past Masters at the Grand Lodge Communication and at the District Meetings.

I wish to thank all the brethren who accompanied me on my many visits and especially those who so kindly placed their cars at the disposal of the brethren.

I also wish to thank R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands for the very satisfactory manner in which he has carried out the duties of District Secretary for District No. 3 and for the very kind assistance which I received from him in the discharge of my office.

I should also like to congratulate W. Bro. Cockburn on being elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and trust that he will have the same consideration from the brethren of District No. 3 as I have enjoyed.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, may I say that I have been very happy to serve you. I am mindful of the honor that District No. 3 has conferred upon me in electing me as their D.D.G.M. and hope that I have merited your approval and that your trust and that of the brethren has not been misplaced. I have tried to the best of my ability to serve you well. The friendships I have made will long remain in my memory and will more than compensate me for any effort I have made.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN THOMSON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Red Deer, May 15, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1934-35.

I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honor they did me in electing me D.D.G.M. and for the pleasure it has given me to carry out the duties of that office to the best of my ability.

I visited all the lodges in the district at least once, being accompanied on most occasions by brethren from the two Red Deer lodges, Red Deer No. 12, and Kenilworth No. 29. We were received cordially everywhere, given a true Masonic welcome and in general, I am glad to say that a proper spirit of brotherhood prevails in the district.

The District Meeting was held at Ponoka, in the lodge room of Britannia Lodge No. 18, whose officers opened the meeting promptly at 1:30 p.m., October 10th. The M. W. the Grand Master was unfortunately unable to be present, but the following representatives of Grand Lodge were received: R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, J.G.W., M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bros. Connacher, Botterill and Snedden, P.G.M.'s. All lodges in the district were represented except Bowden No. 42 and Lochearn No. 151. Reports from

all lodges were read and a number of questions which had been submitted, were discussed. There was an exemplification of the proposed short form of opening and closing in Canadian Work by the officers of Kenilworth No. 29. The question of a repetition of the Masonic picnic held in 1934 was discussed and it was left to the incoming D.D.G.M. to take up with the lodges in 1935. M. W. Bro. Botterill offered a set of Mackay's Encyclopedia, in two volumes, to be awarded to the lodge having the best representation of its officers present at the District Meeting next year. The meeting adjourned for supper and, after re-opening, election of the District Deputy Grand Master for the next term was proceeded with, resulting in the election of W. Bro. W. C. A. Watt of Innisfail Lodge No. 8 and Innisfail was selected as the place of meeting for 1935.

The condition of Masonry in the district is, on the whole, fair, but varies greatly. The officers of the different lodges show varying degrees of proficiency in the Work, some being very competent and others conducting the meetings in a manner which leaves much to be desired. I made it a point to comment upon the subject during my visits and I hope that those officers who know themselves to be lacking in this respect, will, by visiting other lodges and by study, improve themselves and be able to pass on to their successors their acquired proficiency. It is to be noted that those lodges who have Past Masters who are proficient and interested, are invariably those in which the business and degree work is conducted in the most able manner.

During my visits I particularly stressed the advantages of visiting and the necessity of maintaining a good attendance if the lodge is to prosper. There are many lodges in the district, whose work leaves nothing to be desired and if the brethren would make an organized effort to intervisit, it would not be long before a general improvement would be discernable in both the Work and the activities of all the lodges. The question of attendance and particularly the attendance of the Past Masters is most important, being intimately bound up with that of non-payment of dues and neglect of proper programmes of Masonic study. I stressed it greatly, suggesting means by which possibly it might be improved.

The question of arrears of dues still looms large in the district. The figure is slightly lower this year than last, but much is still to be done and I am glad to say that most of the lodges are taking active steps to deal with the problem, some with very good results. I believe that a considerable improvement will be evident this year.

During the year, I arranged for all the lodges in the district operating under the Canadian Work to exemplify, for the benefit of their members, the proposed short form of opening and closing in that Work. There has therefore been given to every member in the district, an opportunity to see and discuss the suggested changes.

The M. W. the Grand Master having been unavoidably absent from the District Meeting, a joint meeting was arranged by Red Deer No. 12 and Kenilworth No. 29, on Wednesday, January 16th, which he attended and delivered an address, instructive on many points of administration and of great practical value. Invitations were issued to neighboring lodges and the meeting was very well attended. R. W. Bro. Kirby of Lochearn Lodge No. 151 was also present and gave an extremely interesting account of his European trip, during which he visited many English Masonic lodges.

I have found the questionnaire prepared by the M. W. the Grand Master of great value in inquiring into and reporting the affairs of the individual lodges, providing as it does for a continuity of effort on the part of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which has sometimes been lacking in the past. I believe it a most important innovation and calculated to have a beneficial effect upon the lodges generally in their work and administration. I have left for my successor, my reports on each individual lodge, together with a final letter to each, detailing my observations as a result of my year of office. I hope they may be of some practical value and assistance to him.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS: R. BUNN,

D.D.G.M: District No: 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Bawlf, May 2, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M;

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I respectfully submit for your approval my report as your District Deputy in the Fifth Masonic District.

My official visits, on which I travelled approximately twelve hundred miles, were made as follows:

Sept. 12th, 1934.....Comet Lodge No. 50, Hardisty.
Sept. 26th, 1934.....Forestburg Lodge No. 128, Forestburg.
Oct. 1st, 1934.....Efficiency Lodge No. 141, Hughenden.
Oct. 3rd, 1934.....Alliance Lodge No. 135, Alliance.
Oct. 25th, 1934.....Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Loughheed.
Nov. 21st, 1934.....Provost Lodge No. 61, Provost.
Dec. 13th, 1934.....Camrose Lodge No. 37, Camrose.
Mar. 14th, 1935.....Excelsior Lodge No. 80, Strome.
Apr. 3rd, 1935.....Tuscan Lodge No. 43, Killam.
Apr. 9th, 1935.....Melrose Lodge No. 139, Daysland.
Apr. 15th, 1935.....Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick.
Apr. 18th, 1935.....Coal Lodge No. 62, Bawlf.

On all occasions I, as your representative, was most cordially received and I was particularly pleased to note the large number of visitors at these meetings.

On my visit to Provost lodge a large party was present from Unity Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan. They presented before Provost lodge, a Masonic play "For the Honor of the Craft."

On my visit to Camrose Lodge we were favored by the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Downey, who was accompanied by a party from Edmonton.

On only three occasions did I observe degree work, but exemplifications are practised by all the lodges, keeping them in touch with ritualistic work:

The work of Masonic Education is not being neglected in this district. While few are following the course as laid out by your Committee on Research and Education, I find that addresses are given quite regularly, the material being obtained in the most cases from study of Masonic books, from the copies of the Proceedings or from the Installed Masters' Association.

One of the best Masonic addresses it has ever been my privilege to hear was given at Forestburg by W. Bro. W. T. Lucas, M.P., of Morning Star Lodge, Lougheed. His subject was "The Challenge of Free Masonry."

On two occasions I was able to be present to assist in paying the last respects to departed brethren.

The District Meeting, held in the Community Hall, Bawlf, on Oct. 12th, was well attended in spite of the fact that threshing was not completed in the district.

The meeting was opened by the brethren of Camrose Lodge No. 37, with W. Bro. T. Scott in the chair. After the Grand Officers were received in due form, the meeting proceeded along the lines of the programme suggested by the Grand Master.

During the period of refreshment, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., dinner was served by the Ladies' Aid of the United Church and was enjoyed by all.

On resumption of Labor the few questions, from the question box and others from the floor of the lodge were satisfactorily answered by M. W. Bro. Connacher, Custodian of the Work.

The Grand Master's address dealing with the business and financial difficulties, encountered by the lodges in these times of depression, was of great interest and value to all. No subject of greater benefit could have been chosen.

The election of D.D.G.M. followed and W. Bro. G. Y. Barnett of Tuscan Lodge No. 43 was chosen for that office for the next term, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Killam was selected as the meeting place for 1935.

The meeting was closed at 10:30 p.m. by the officers of Coal Lodge No. 62, with W. Bro. H. Shannon in the chair.

The meeting was a very successful one and this, in my opinion, was largely due to the programme suggested. By it, the work was all laid out and proceeded smoothly, not too much time was occupied by refreshment and we were able to close at an early hour.

To sum up, I believe District No. 5, in spite of a slight decrease in membership, has had a successful year. The lodges are meeting their difficulties with energy and courage, and dealing with those cases of benevolence which come to their notice, in the true Masonic Spirit.

May I take this opportunity to thank the brethren of the district for their confidence in placing me in the position of District Deputy Grand Master; also for the kindness and assistance shown me on my visits, which have made my duties a pleasure. I also wish to thank the officers of Camrose Lodge No. 37 for taking part in the programme of the District Meeting. Also Coal Lodge No. 62 for assistance in pre-

paring for the District Meeting, taking part in the programme of the meeting and so willingly accompanying me on my visits.

The assistance of the District Secretary, W. Bro. N. L. Kvitten, is also highly appreciated.

Fraternally submitted,

C. B. SARJEANT,

D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Stavely, April, 30, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I submit herewith the report of District No. 6 in which I had the honor of serving as your personal representative during the Masonic year just closed.

I shall endeavor to deal with those things vital to the progress of the Fraternity, which you have emphasized and brought to the attention of the officers and members. Also make my observations as to the condition of Masonry in general and the progress made in the district during the last Masonic year.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Sixteenth Annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Stavely, on October 26, 1935. The meeting was opened in due form by the officers of Stavely Lodge No. 33 and the Grand Officers were received with honors.

Two outstanding features of this assemblage of Masons were: First—The attendance of the officers from the various lodges of the district. Every Master was present with one exception—the Master of Joppa Lodge No. 40, who was unavoidably absent, having been transferred to another district in the jurisdiction shortly after his installation. Fifteen of the principal officers out of a possible twenty-four in the district were present. Also very encouraging was the presence of thirty-three P.M.'s and P.D.D.G.M.'s. Second—The round table discussion developed, for the good of Masonry, present and future a number of officers and Past Masters taking part, with the Grand Master and Grand Officers giving the lead.

The officers of Cairo Lodge No. 32 exemplified a suggested new and shorter form of opening and closing lodges. There was some friendly criticism by the Custodian of the Work, but very little discussion and no official comment as to its introduction.

At the evening session the Custodians of the Work answered some questions and gave short addresses, followed by some remarks by M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, S.G.W. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, delivered the address of

the meeting, the principal points being duly recorded in the minutes of the district, so ably kept by our Secretary, R. W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley.

W. Bro. C. W. Carney of Cairo Lodge No. 32 was the choice for the next D.D.G.M. and Claresholm the next place of meeting. The district meeting was closed in peace and harmony by the officers of Cairo Lodge No. 32.

VISITATIONS

I attended in an official capacity as representative of the Grand Master at Joppa Lodge No. 40 on February 14th, 1935; Cairo Lodge No. 32, February 19th; Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, February 21st; Corinthian Lodge No. 22, March 5th; Stavely Lodge No. 33, March 12th, and Nanton Lodge No. 17, March 14th. Some of these lodges I visited on other occasions.

ATTENDANCE

Again I wish to emphasize the splendid attendance of officers and members on the occasions of my visits. The night of March 14th (Nanton Lodge) was very stormy and the record was not so good, although all officers were present. The J. W. was absent at Stavely, the Treasurer at Cornerstone, the S. D. at Joppa and the J. S. at both Joppa and Stavely. Out of seventy-nine qualified officers in six lodges only eight were unable to be present and these, with one or two exceptions, were prevented by illness. There are 336 resident members and 219 non-resident, with a total of 555 in the district. There were in attendance at the six official meetings 166 members and 85 visitors—a total of 251.

DUES AND ARREARS

Statistics show that at the close of last year 202 members were in arrears, a net decrease of 90, also a reduction of \$1,375 25 in outstanding dues. Therefore, we have reduced the percentage from 50.5 to 36.4 per cent and the average owing per member in arrears increased from \$15.90 to \$16.80. The average owing per member for all the district was reduced from \$8.03 to \$5.89. The lodges making the largest decrease in arrears were, first, Joppa No. 40; second, Nanton No. 17; third Corinthian No. 22, and fourth Cornerstone No. 19, while Stavely No. 33 had a slight increase and Cairo No. 32 a heavy increase.

RECORDS AND AUDITORS' REPORTS

I found all books and records in capable hands and in good order. The Historical Registers of Stavely and Cairo are in the process of being written up to date. Some lodges have an Auditor's statement, duly signed, showing receipts and disbursements as well as assets and liabilities and a copy for each year is kept on file. I would suggest that all lodges follow this plan. I would also suggest to Stavely, Nanton and Joppa that they revise their by-law in connection with the \$5.00 Affiliation fee to Grand Lodge. No personal contributions are being made to the Benevolent Fund, notwithstanding the charge at the N.E. Angle. This was not always so. Possibly present conditions are responsible.

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

No lodge in this district is following the Grand Lodge plan at present. All lodges have made an effort to keep up interest in Educa-

tion by having addresses from their own members as well as other Masons. I would emphasize the suggestion of the Grand Master, that all lodges make an effort to secure a set of the British Masonic Miscellany (twenty small volumes at a cost of \$11.00). I found all the officers proficient and capable and I had the pleasure of witnessing some excellent Work.

GENERAL

The condition of Masonry in District No. 6 is on an even keel. We are holding on and can see daylight. The lodges are enthusiastic, having a good tone and a fine spirit of brotherhood. After all, you must acknowledge we have been passing through a cycle of want and scarcity. The hope ever present in the human breast, that things will be better, must be fulfilled. Masonry will go forward and upward, purged by the mistakes of the past.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for the honor and privilege that has been mine. I trust my successor may also experience the joy of serving and be received in the spirit of brotherhood. To the officers and members of Stavely Lodge I wish to express my appreciation for their co-operation and to W. Bro. J. G. Ferguson who drove his car and has been with me on every visit my sincere thanks are tendered.

Fraternally submitted,

MAX E. MALCHOW,

D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Foremost, May 31, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District for your consideration.

There is a total membership in good standing of 787—a loss of 20 members during the year, which is a decrease over the previous year when there was a loss of 70, and with an increase in the number of applications for Initiation and Affiliation in the present year I believe that our Order will show an increase in membership, which looks very encouraging indeed. Our lodges have weathered the prevailing economic conditions and have been always ready to assist in cases deserving of relief during the past few years, so that now I think that they are all in a sound position and ready to forge ahead in the interests of Masonry. The average attendance of members at the regular meetings is not all that it should be, but the regular attendants are all very enthusiastic and optimistic for the future. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the district. There is not the interest shown in the work of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education that I would like to see; but with improvement in these programmes I think that a greater interest will be shown along these lines.

On practically all my visits I was accompanied and ably assisted by Bro. E. A. Rowe, the genial and willing Secretary of Foremost Lodge No. 103.

NORTH STAR LODGE No. 4

I visited this lodge on the night of February 11th at the regular meeting, which was presided over by their hard-working and very efficient Master, W. Bro. E. Fleetwood, who was ably assisted by his officers. The books and records are in excellent shape and although the amount of the arrears of dues seems large I do not feel that there is any cause for worry as they have the situation well in hand.

I was also present at this lodge on the night of their Election of Officers as well as on many other occasions, and I must say that I have always been given a very cordial and warm reception by their officers and members.

DORIC LODGE No. 31

My first official visit in District No. 7 was made to Doric Lodge No. 31, in Taber, accompanied by W. Bro. J. Cooke of Foremost Lodge on the night of September 11th. We were met and introduced to the officers of Doric Lodge by R. W. Bro. Anderson who has always the welfare and interest of his lodge uppermost in his mind. The brethren were just getting back to work after the busy season, but with conditions improving in their district they were looking forward to a busy and enjoyable year in the interests of Masonry.

LETHBRIDGE LODGE No. 39

I officially visited this lodge on March 21st, and was given a very fine welcome by the Master, officers and brethren. The books and records of the lodge are in good shape. The first degree was exemplified in a very excellent manner at this meeting, and I am pleased to report that they are all very proficient, not only in the work of the degree, but in the handling of their business as well. The friendliness and spirit of the brethren bespeaks well for the standard of this lodge.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE No. 65

I visited this lodge officially on February 7th, and was accompanied on this occasion by a number of brethren from Lethbridge, including R. W. Bros. J. H. James and T. Davidson. This is one of the bright spots in this district and the brethren are always ready to welcome visitors and of these they have a goodly number from the city lodges. The books and records are in excellent shape and I would specially mention their Historical Register as it is a work of Art as well as of History.

CHARITY LODGE No. 67

I visited this lodge on March 12th, which was their Irish Night, at which time we heard a very interesting and instructive address given by Bro. O'Mara, on Ireland and the Irish. I was pleased with the reception given me also with the spirit of Masonry that was shown in their meeting, as well as during their refreshment hour. I cannot pass without a word of praise to the two brethren who have served so long and so faithfully in the interests of their lodge and Masonry. I refer to Bros. Barrett and Farnes, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

VERDIGRIS LODGE No. 100

I visited Verdigris Lodge on October 25th, and was introduced to the officers and members of that lodge by W. Bro. Arnold, a Past Master

of my own lodge as well as the first Mason to be raised in Foremost Lodge No. 103. Verdigris Lodge being the farthest south in this jurisdiction, forms a connecting link with the sister lodges to the south of us with whom the members of this lodge exchange visits quite frequently with beneficial results. The officers are quite proficient in their work and the books and records are in good condition.

FOREMOST LODGE No. 103

I visited my own lodge officially on November 7th, and was received on this occasion, as well as on all other times, in a very cordial manner by the officers and brethren. At this meeting we were favored with a visit from the members of Manyberries Lodge.

A Past Masters' Night was held at the regular meeting in March when I had the pleasure and privilege of conferring the first degree on a candidate. At this same meeting we had the pleasure of a visit of the Master and brethren from Bow Island Lodge as well as a visit and address from V. W. Bro. R. Sang of Lethbridge Lodge. This lodge is in a very healthy condition, with only a few members in arrears and plenty of work to keep all the brethren interested. The books and records are in excellent shape and mention must be made of the promptness and efficiency of the Secretary, Bro. E. A. Rowe, who spares neither time nor labor in keeping his records up to date.

YORK LODGE No. 19

I made a visit to this lodge on March 5th, which was set aside as a Past Masters' Night. I again visited this lodge at their next meeting when a degree was conferred in a very able and efficient manner by the officers of the lodge. The books and records are in good shape and the spirit of Masonry is shown by the members. Too large a percentage of the members are in arrears, but the total amount owing is not so great and I fully believe that the officers in charge have the situation well in hand and that York Lodge, under the able leadership of W. Bro. Hay, will make a great stride for betterment during this year.

LUCERNE LODGE No. 159

On October 2nd, I visited this lodge accompanied by W. Bros. McKenzie, Neil and Bro. Rowe, together with a number of the brethren from Taber. We were given a very warm welcome by the officers and members of Lucerne Lodge. This lodge, although small in number, is to be congratulated on their efficiency in the Work and especially on the small amount of their outstanding dues, which at the present time is almost a minus quantity. This lodge enjoys many visits to Doric Lodge in Taber and a great deal of friendly Masonic spirit is shown by the brethren on these occasions. The books and records are in excellent shape, being in the hands of W. Bro. J. J. Marshall who takes a great deal of interest in the welfare of his lodge.

SHARON LODGE No. 157

This lodge, although situated farthest from me in distance of miles, cannot be said to be the farthest away in thought. Through one reason and another it seems that this lodge has had a great struggle to keep alive and great praise is due to the members who have given so much of their time and energy in spreading the spirit of Masonry throughout the district. We motored to Iron Springs on November 28th, and were

accompanied by some of the Lethbridge members and received a hearty welcome. I was introduced to the officers and members of the lodge by V. W. Bro. J. J. Watson, a Past Master and one of the brethren who were responsible for the Institution of my mother lodge, Foremost No. 103. The officers are quite proficient in their work and the books and records are in good shape. Although their lodge quarters are not very comfortable or homelike we must not forget that they suffered a loss by fire some time ago and I am sure that the members are looking forward to better times ahead.

DISTRICT MEETING

Our District Meeting was held in Lethbridge, but owing to the condition of the roads the attendance was not all that it should have been nor as large as I would have liked for I think that at these District Meetings we have a great opportunity to discuss the problems that arise in our district and come to a better understanding of them. At these meetings a member should feel free to voice his approval or disapproval on the various questions that arise. At this meeting R. W. Bro. A. C. Lakie was presented with P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia and V. W. Bro. J. J. Watson was elected D.D.G.M.

A larger number gathered for the evening session, when we were favored with a very interesting and instructive address by our M. W. Grand Master as well as from other Grand Officers. The Grand Master presented R. W. Bro. A. C. Lakie with regalia and paid a great compliment to him for the excellent manner he had performed his duties as District Deputy during his year of office.

I wish to thank the city lodges and the P.D.D.G.M.'s for their untiring efforts in the excellent arrangements made for our District Meeting. Also to our District Secretary who came into the breach to fill the office made vacant by the death of our late Bro. Edmunds who had filled that office so efficiently for a number of years, my thanks are tendered.

I had the privilege and the pleasure of presiding at a Joint Installation of the four Lethbridge Lodges on December 27th, and on this occasion the chairs were all filled by P.D.D.G.M.'s who assisted me greatly in the work.

Neither time nor space will permit me to mention each individual to whom I am indebted for help and encouragement during my term of office, but may I here record my sincere thanks to the brethren of District No. 7 for the courtesy, hospitality and warm welcome that I have received everywhere, as well as their kindness in overlooking my failings and short-comings.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, I wish to comment on the friendly Masonic spirit that is shown by the brethren of District No. 7, and I trust that my successor may have the same co-operation in the coming year that has been given to me.

Fraternally submitted,

G. O. BROWNLEE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Macleod, May 10, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report for the Eighth Masonic District covering the past year.

During my term of office I visited officially all the lodges in the district and on all occasions I have received a warm and sincere welcome.

The lodges of the district are in fair financial condition. The amount of arrears in dues is still heavy, but it is slightly less than last year and the individual lodges seem to be making efforts to deal with this problem. The books and records of the district are well kept and the Historical Registers are written up to date, with the exception of one lodge, which is gathering the necessary material.

The prospects of the lodges are good and there has been considerable activity in degree work during the past year. I had the privilege of observing exemplification of degree work on four of my official visits and in all cases the candidates appeared to measure up to the Masonic standard. On the whole, the condition of Masonry in District No. 8 is very satisfactory.

I have dealt with the objects of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education on every occasion and during the past year a number of interesting addresses have been given in the lodges of the district, although not always in conformity with the programme laid down by the committee.

The District Meeting was held in Macleod on September 27th and was well attended by members of every lodge in the district. The meeting was opened by the officers of Alberta Lodge No. 3, Macleod. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bros. Patterson, Conacher and Middleton were present. The meeting followed the programme suggested by Grand Lodge and a general discussion took place on the enumerated subjects. The officers of Alberta No. 3 exemplified a short form of opening and closing a lodge during the afternoon session. A banquet was held in the Queen's Hotel at six o'clock and was attended by about one hundred brethren. At the evening session, the Grand Master, delivered an interesting and instructive address. W. Bro. Betts, of Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58, was chosen D.D.G.M. for the next year and Cardston was selected as the place for the District Meeting. The officers of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 closed the meeting.

My official visits were as follows:

March 7th, 1935.....Summit Lodge No. 30 at Coleman.
March 11th, 1935.....Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, Blairmore.
March 14th, 1935.....Sentinel Lodge No. 26, Hillcrest.
March 18th, 1935.....Chinook Lodge No. 47, Cowley.
April 2nd, 1935.....Spitzie Lodge No. 6, Pincher Creek.
April 16th, 1935.....Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58, Cardston.
April 17th, 1935.....Alberta Lodge No. 3, Macleod.

I take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of Alberta Lodge No. 3, who accompanied me on my official visits, and in particular W. Bro. Norman Grier, who accompanied me on all but one of my visits.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the district for the honour they have conferred on me by electing me D.D.G.M. and I also wish to express my appreciation of the kindness and co-operation I have received from them during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

G. R. DAVIS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Coronation, May 10, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1934-35.

At the beginning, I wish to express to the brethren of this district who appointed me to this office, my sincere appreciation of the honor they conferred upon me. I enjoyed my work, and have endeavored to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. It has been my pleasure to visit all lodges in the district once, and in some instances several times during my year of office.

A brief review of the Statistical Report discloses that there is a net decrease in membership of 31, made up as follows:

Decrease by deaths, 3, Suspensions N.P.D. 24, Dimits 17, Total . . . 44

Increase by Initiations 9, Affiliations 4, Total . . . 13

Net decrease . . . 31

Total Assets of Lodges in the District . . . \$16,287.52

Total Liabilities of Lodges in the District . . . 7,196.30

Balance of Assets over Liabilities . . . \$ 9,091.32

Total Fire Insurance in Force . . . \$13,950.00

Total of arrears of dues in 1933-34 . . . \$ 3,899.15

Total of arrears of dues in 1934-35 . . . 2,626.16

Total reduction in arrears . . . \$ 1,272.99

Of which a good portion was written off.

Or an average amount per capita on total membership of \$5.49.

Four lodges own their lodge building, the other five rent their quarters.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in Coronation Lodge No. 72, Coronation, on October 11th, 1934. There was a registered attendance of one hundred and eight, all lodges being represented except Clive Lodge No. 121.

The meeting was opened by the officers of Coronation Lodge No. 72. The following Grand Officers were received in Form: M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and Custodian of the Canadian Work; M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, P.G.M., and Custodian of the York Work, and R. W. Bro. Jesse Ruttan, D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

During the afternoon session, the short form of opening and closing a lodge was exemplified by W. Bro. Taylor and officers of Coronation Lodge. Also many subjects of an instructive nature were discussed and many questions were ably answered by the Custodians of the Work. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. to the Royal Crown Hotel, where the brethren enjoyed an excellent banquet. The evening session opened at 8:00 p.m.

W. Bro. H. S. McCartney of Beaver Lodge No. 56 was elected to be the D.D.G.M. for the coming year, with Beaver Lodge, Castor, to be the next place of District Meeting.

The following is a brief report of my official visits to the lodges in the district.

APOLLO LODGE No. 27

On October 1st, 1934, I officially visited this lodge at a regular meeting, accompanied by several brethren of Coronation Lodge No. 72. With the true spirit of Masonic building the brethren of this lodge, have completed an excellent Masonic Temple, which stands as a tribute to the members, more particularly when the undertaking was commenced and carried through at a time of very depressed conditions. I wish to express my sincere regrets to the brethren of Apollo, in the loss of their Master, W. Bro. Chas. Mair, who died shortly after taking office.

W. Bro. Connolly occupied the Master's chair at this meeting. It was a real pleasure to find the meeting so well attended, their being fifty resident members present, and twenty-nine visiting brethren. Four candidates were raised to the degree of Master Mason. The Work was conferred in a very impressive and excellent manner, for which the officers and brethren are to be congratulated. The lodge has an excellent Historical Register for which W. Bro. Connolly deserves much credit. The books and records are in first class shape and the Secretary, W. Bro. C. B. Morton, is doing his share of the business of the lodge. A fine spirit of harmony prevails amongst the members and I am sure they are carrying out the traditions of Free Masonry.

IONIC LODGE No. 45

I paid my official visit to this lodge on December 13th, 1934, accompanied by W. Bro. Fowler, also W. Bro. Colly of Beaver Lodge No. 56. While the membership of this lodge is not large, it was a pleasure to find the high average attendance. The officers and members are apparently determined that the lodge justify its existence and make its influence as a Masonic body an important factor in the social life

and welfare of the community. Like many other lodges, they show an increase in arrears of dues, due to the economic situation; but with the line up of efficient and enthusiastic officers, also many worthy Past Masters I am confident there are happy and prosperous times ahead for them. There being no degree work, the business session also Election of Officers for the coming year was proceeded with. The Master and officers gave a good account of themselves in the fine manner they discharged the duties of their lodge. The books and records of the lodge are well kept by W. Bro. Tallman, while the Historical Register has been overlooked. On behalf of W. Bro. Colly, also W. Bro. Fowler and myself, I wish to express to W. Bro. Price and officers our appreciation for making our visit a decided pleasure.

BEAVER LODGE No. 56

Accompanied by several brethren of Coronation Lodge I visited Beaver Lodge No. 56, at their regular meeting, October 3rd, 1934.

The brethren have a well deserved reputation for fraternal hospitality and this was clearly demonstrated as soon as we entered the lodge. The brethren of Beaver Lodge are to be congratulated on owning their lodge premises, and the hall is furnished in excellent taste. Also their cash and liquid assets are strong, which speaks well for the foresight of their financial management over a number of years. There was no degree work; but during the business session the officers and brethren gave an excellent account of their proficiency. The books and records are well kept, and in good shape. Their Historical Register is written up to December, 1931. This lodge is fortunate in having a number of active Past Masters, and with a good line-up of capable officers, I am sure that the true Masonic spirit of this lodge will continue to prevail.

CORONATION LODGE No. 72

Being a member of Coronation Lodge No. 72 I have been privileged to attend many meetings during the year. My official visit was made 20th of September, 1934.

Coronation Lodge enjoys the second largest membership of the district—96 members, of which 57 are resident, and 39 non-resident. Many of the rural resident members live some distance from town. The Master, W. Bro. B. Hall, and officers have given a clear indication during the year that they are well versed in the ritual work. There is also much credit due the officers and brethren for the efficient manner in which they conduct the business affairs of the lodge. The books and records are kept up to date and in excellent shape, for which Bro. F. W. Fleming, Secretary is deserving of much credit. The Historical Record is written up to December 31st, 1934.

MONITOR LODGE No. 120

On July 26th, 1934, I paid an official visit to a regular meeting of Monitor Lodge No. 120, accompanied by W. Bro. Fowler. In spite of the extreme heat, and some of the brethren being away on their holidays, there was a fair attendance. We were heartily welcomed and the spirit of enthusiasm amongst the brethren was very noticeable. There was no degree work, but the officers showed themselves very proficient in the routine work of business.

Bro. D. D. Thomas presented the lodge with a new altar. This was beautifully designed and was greatly appreciated by the brethren.

The W. M., officers and brethren present passed a vote of thanks and appreciation to Bro. Thomas for the beautiful and fitting gift which will serve to support the great light of Masonry in Monitor Lodge for many years to come.

The Question Box was opened and the questions submitted. The efficient manner in which the questions were answered was very creditable to the lodge, most of the brethren taking an active part. W. Bro. Fowler gave a brief and interesting talk on Masonry from 926 to 1800. While the district of Monitor has suffered heavily from drought the past few years, the brethren are to be congratulated. They own their lodge property with no indebtedness. I found the books and records well kept and up to date. The Historical Register was written up to December, 1933.

CLIVE LODGE No. 121

Upon receiving a communication from Bro. H. B. Scott, advising me that the brethren of Clive Lodge were having difficulty in carrying on, owing to the very small resident membership, and financial difficulties, and wished to surrender their charter, I officially visited Clive Lodge at their regular meeting on December 12th, 1934, accompanied by W. Bro. Fowler of Coronation Lodge, also W. Bro. Colly of Beaver Lodge No. 56 of Castor.

This lodge has a resident membership of ten members which are mostly rural, many living many miles from town, also a non-resident membership of twelve.

There being six members present, with the assistance of W. Bro. Fowler as S. W., the lodge was opened and the general business conducted, including giving notice of motion to surrender their charter. In spite of the sincere effort of W. Bro. Colly, W. Bro. Fowler and myself, the brethren of Clive Lodge present were unanimous in their decision of supporting the Notice of Motion. Suggestions were also made to have the brethren amalgamate with some other adjoining lodge. However, this did not appeal to the brethren, as many lived closer to the different lodges. It was finally decided the Notice of Motion should stand to surrender their Charter, giving the brethren an opportunity to affiliate where most convenient.

I wish to express my appreciation to W. Bro. Colly and W. Bro. Fowler for their assistance and sincere efforts in assisting me on this visit.

I have since been advised by Bro. H. B. Scott, Secretary, that the brethren of Clive Lodge at their regular meeting held in January, 1935, adopted the motion, after which they were instructed by the officers of Grand Lodge to forward all books, records, charter, etc., to Grand Lodge.

I wish to express my sincere regrets to the brethren of Clive for their seemingly unavoidable situation. However, I feel if these brethren affiliate with the adjoining lodges which are active, it will be to their advantage.

RISING SUN LODGE No. 122

Accompanied by two brethren of Coronation Lodge I officially visited Rising Sun Lodge, Gadsby, August 22nd, 1934, when I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. R. A. Everett, P.D.D.G.M.

The lodge opened at 8:40 p.m. with a good attendance, a candidate being initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. The Master, W. Bro. W. Dean, gave a clear indication that he was well versed in the ritual work, and a lasting impression must have been made on the candidate. It was the first degree work by the Master and the officers gave perfect support. The books and records are in good shape, and the Secretary, W. Bro. David Drinnan, is doing his share of the business of the lodge. Social evenings and whist drives are being held in the Banquet Hall which brings the members, their families and friends closer together.

While this lodge, like most lodges in District No. 9, shows a high percentage of arrears of dues, this in no way reflects lost interest in Masonry. General conditions together with poor crops account for this.

BIG VALLEY LODGE No. 140

On November 6th, 1934, I made my official visit at a regular meeting of Big Valley Lodge. Owing to the removal of the railway terminal and changing train services, this lodge has been particularly hard hit.

With the membership being reduced to 44 members with over half of these non-resident and the resident members being mostly rural, many living many miles from lodge, the average attendance is poor. There has been no degree work for some time. The number of members twelve months and over in arrears is high, over 60 per cent of the members being in this category. During the business session of the lodge Notice of Motion was given re collections and adjustment of arrears of dues. The books and records are well kept and up to date. The Historical Register was destroyed by fire in 1931.

While the membership of this lodge has been reduced and the average attendance small, they are financially sound, and the brethren display a friendly Masonic spirit. The prospects for the town are not promising and it seems doubtful if this lodge can expect any improvement in conditions in the near future.

DONALDA LODGE No. 150

On Thursday, September 6th, accompanied by several brethren of Coronation Lodge No. 72, I officially visited at a regular meeting of Donalda Lodge.

This was a meeting set aside annually for the purpose of receiving visiting brethren from the many neighboring lodges, and it was very gratifying indeed to see so many gather in exchange of visits. Thirty-eight visiting brethren were present, representing Apollo Lodge, at Stettler, Coronation Lodge, Fidelity Lodge at Bashaw, and Rising Sun Lodge at Gadsby. These fraternal gatherings of visiting brethren are to be highly commended, as they serve to build up a social and fraternal spirit. I feel that it would serve to good advantage if each lodge throughout the district could exchange visits more.

The business of the lodge was conducted by R. W. Bro. W. E. Porter and officers. The opening and closing ceremonies were in splendid form and I am sure these brethren are maintaining the high standard of their work.

A proxy was appointed to sign cheques in the absence of the W. M. and he was to be notified.

The brethren of Donalda have very few outstanding arrears of dues. The finances of the lodge are sound. The books and records are in good shape, for which their Secretary, W. Bro. E. W. Grice, is deserving of much credit. A splendid address was given by W. Bro. Feir of Apollo Lodge, Stettler—"Symbolism of the First Degree."

CONCLUSION

In concluding my report, I wish to say in spite of the extreme adverse weather conditions experienced through District No. 9 during the year, Masonry in the Ninth Masonic District is sound. While there has been a slight decrease in membership and few initiations, a strong spirit of optimism prevails in all the lodges.

It has been gratifying to see a number of the lodges interchanging visits. These visits are to be highly commended, for by sharing in the interests, both business and social, the fraternal spirit is being fostered and strengthened. I would like to suggest that each lodge in the district give this their attention.

During my term I have not accomplished all that I had hoped to do, but if the brethren have profited from my visits as much as I have profited by visiting them, I shall feel more content. Many new friends have been made, and old friendships renewed.

I am very grateful to the brethren who accompanied and assisted me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE RUTTAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Mannville, May 15, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

Herewith I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District during my term of office.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Vermilion on the 17th of October, 1934. The attendance, on the whole, was very good, although it was to be regretted that some lodges were unable to be represented. The meeting was opened by Vermilion Lodge No. 24 at 2 o'clock. After my reception as D.D.G.M. in due form, I assumed the gavel. The M. W. the Grand Master, Victor A. Bowes, accompanied by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. W. M. Conacher, P.G.M., and other Grand Officers were introduced by R. W. Bro. Percy Long of Vermilion Lodge, and accorded Grand Honors. In accordance with the expressed desire of the M. W. the Grand Master the meeting was business-like, and with the elimination of lengthy addresses, more time was available for a general discussion of the many

problems facing the lodges, and the questions of Arrears of Dues, Attendance, Benevolence, Financial Management, Research and Education and many other problems were, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, thoroughly discussed, and I feel sure that a great deal of good was accomplished.

W. Bro. R. MacQuarrie of Norwood Lodge, Edmonton was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1935-36 by acclamation, and the place of meeting was set for Edmonton.

After supper, the M. W. the Grand Master gave a very instructive address, dealing largely with the problems which had been discussed during the afternoon, and gave much valuable advice. M. W. Bro. Kemmis and a number of the other brethren present spoke briefly.

During the afternoon W. Bro. Brady and his officers from Hope Lodge No. 83, Mannville, demonstrated the opening and closing as done in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This work was very ably exemplified, and the officers of Hope Lodge were congratulated.

The meeting was closed by W. Bro. Hayhurst and his officers from St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, in a very capable manner.

It was my pleasure to visit each lodge in my district at least once, and in a few cases two or three times, and I am glad to be able to report that, in general, conditions seem to be very satisfactory.

Candidates of a good type are presenting themselves for initiation, the morale and tone of the lodges seem to be again strengthening, and, while arrears of dues, and attendance still leaves much to be desired, they are at least improving.

It was my endeavor during my term of office to concentrate, to the limit of my ability, on being of some assistance in the actual management of the lodge. In my opinion the present time offers us an opportunity that we may never have again, of re-building our lodges on really solid ground. During the more prosperous years preceding the depression, when material was plentiful and coming in steadily, we were forced to admit that mistakes were made, but now that many of the weak links are dropping away, and the brethren are face to face with the problem of keeping their lodges afloat, I believe they are making a determined effort to keep within their revenues. Lodge expenses are being brought down to the level of their actual income; candidates are being examined to make sure they are not just fair-weather friends, and in general the brethren are taking a keener interest in Masonry.

It is regrettable that in our district, which is one of the more prosperous districts in the Grand Jurisdiction, we should be forced to show amongst the highest percentage of arrears of dues, and it is my opinion that a somewhat mistaken sense of loyalty is being shown to members in arrears. While it goes without saying that a member who is quite unable to pay his dues should receive every consideration, there is undoubtedly a percentage of our membership who are not "playing the game," and I think steps should be taken to see that they are made to realize their responsibility.

Benevolence, all things considered, seems to have been well met, and I think the brethren are coming to realize their individual responsibility in this respect. On the whole the demand has not been as heavy as might have been expected, and I think that as the lodges gradually build up funds they will be in a position not only to meet the demand

that is more or less forced upon them, but will be able to search out needy and deserving cases.

Masonic Education is receiving notable attention. While the lodges are not in all cases following the Grand Lodge plan, I find that in practically every lodge they are following some plan of systematic education, whenever possible having good speakers on current topics or Masonic History and Research. I think that as lodge nights are made more interesting by means of good addresses, special nights etc. that the attendance will continue to grow.

On my visit to Kitscoty Lodge it was my great pleasure to invest W. Bro. James A. Fonger as a Grand Steward. I feel sure that V. W. Bro. Fonger will continue his good work in his district.

I feel that special mention should be made of the Historical Register which is being prepared and presented to Norwood Lodge by V. W. Bro. W. Horrocks. This is a real work of art, and I think that when it is finished it will be worth any brother's time to drop in on Norwood Lodge and see it.

In conclusion, I feel that words are inadequate to express my appreciation of the kindly reception I have received in every lodge. Nothing has been too much trouble for the brethren to do, and to yourself, M. W. Sir, for your valuable support and advice, to those brethren who have accompanied me on my trips, and to W. Bro. McKinnon who has acted as District Secretary, my thanks are due. Masonry has always been a vital thing to me, but the experience of my year in office has given me a new understanding of what Masonry really can and does mean.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. CROOKS,
D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Carmangay, May 14, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District for the year 1934-35.

It has been my pleasure to visit all the lodges of this district at least once, and many several times, during my year of office, and it is gratifying to report that peace and harmony prevails, and that each lodge is active.

In most instances, the books and records are well and carefully kept, although in some cases the Historical Register has been neglected, but I have the promise that they will soon be brought up to date.

My official visits were as follows:

Champion Lodge No. 84—Sept. 3rd, 1934 and Feb. 14th, 1935.
 Nobleford Lodge No. 111—Nov. 6th, 1934, and April 2nd, 1935.
 Cresset Lodge No. 136—Nov. 5th, 1934, and Apr. 1st, 1935.
 Granite Lodge No. 127—Dec. 5th, 1934.
 Pyramid Lodge No. 108—Dec. 19th, 1934.
 Vulcan Lodge No. 74—Feb. 5th, 1935.
 Robert Burns Lodge No. 49—Mar. 11th, 1935, and May 13th, 1935.

I intend paying a second visit to Pyramid Lodge No. 108 on May 16th and to Granite Lodge No. 127 on June 5th, 1935.

FINANCES

Financially, the lodges of the district are doing as well as can be expected, in view of the general conditions of stress, which are being experienced by all.

The financial summary is as follows:

Total cash assets of the seven lodges	\$ 3,417.17
Total liabilities	2,374.10
Assets over liabilities	12,274.03

However, I regret to report that arrears of dues show greatest cause for worry in District No. 11. On December 31st, 1934, there were 178 brethren in arrears to the amount of \$4,086.70, which amount being considerably higher than last year. Still one or two lodges are to be congratulated on making considerable reductions. Again, the officers of the several lodges are alive to the seriousness of the situation, and in most cases, are, in my opinion, doing everything possible to better this condition of affairs.

There were on December 31st, 1934, a total of 339 members, there being an increase of one and a decrease of ten, while death removed five.

EDUCATION

Some lodges have attempted to follow the outline of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, but the majority plead a lack of confidence in their members to attempt the lectures, as well as a dearth of library books, relative to the subjects to be studied. However, the lodges are to be congratulated on the quality of the talks and lectures presented by their own members, and by distinguished brethren from other districts. These create considerable interest and stimulate the brethren's desire for further knowledge of the symbolic meaning of our Order.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

On June 25th, 1934, I had the honor of officiating at a joint Installation ceremony at Barons, when the officers of Cresset Lodge No. 136 and Robert Burns No. 49, were installed. Again, I received an invitation from Vulcan Lodge No. 74, to act as Installing Officer on the evening of December 27th, 1934. On this occasion, I had the further pleasure of installing the officers of Vulcan Lodge No. 74, and those of Pyramid Lodge No. 108. On both occasions, I was most kindly received and complimented on the quality of the ceremony.

On the occasion of my second visit to Cresset Lodge No. 136, I had the pleasure of presenting a P.D.D.G.M.'s jewel to R. W. Bro. L.

E. Atkinson. In a few suitable and well chosen words, R. W. Bro. Atkinson tendered his thanks to the brethren of Masonic District No. 11 for their appreciation of his work during his term of office.

A very memorable event in the history of Robert Burns Lodge No 49 was the occasion of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of this lodge. This event took place on the evening of April 26th, 1935, at which a number of charter members renewed pleasant memories, and recalled friendships made a quarter of a century ago.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of District No. 11 was held in Carmangay on the afternoon and evening of Sept. 25th, 1934. The afternoon session was poorly attended, but at the evening meeting, all lodges, with one exception, were well represented.

We were honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher. The meeting was opened by the officers of Robert Burns Lodge No. 49. The District Deputy Grand Master was received in due form, and assumed the gavel, after which the Grand Officers were received with Grand Honors by the brethren of the district.

Following the reading of the minutes of the last District Meeting which were adopted, a general discussion on matters concerning the lodges took place. On account of the small afternoon attendance this item was not quite so effective as it should have been.

One of the high-lights of the afternoon session was an exemplification of a suggested new and shorter form of opening and closing of lodges of the Canadian Work, by a degree team under the capable leadership of W. Bro. James Davey. This item made a notable impression on the assembled brethren, and was again exemplified by special request during the evening session.

The main event of the evening session was the very excellent address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes. His address was of a business nature, and his suggestions and advice for the betterment of Masonry throughout the district were much appreciated and well received.

W. Bro. John S. Collins of Champion Lodge No. 84, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1935-36, and Champion was selected as the place of meeting for the next District Meeting.

Following some discussions "For the good of the Order," the District Meeting was closed by the officers of Champion Lodge No. 84.

I must express my appreciation, of the new form of report, as instituted by the M. W. Grand Master. I believe it fills a long felt want. Not only does it furnish Grand Lodge with a complete resume of each lodge's condition and activities, but it supplies a definite basis for the D.D.G.M.'s work of his official year. In this connection, I wish to express my deep appreciation of the courtesy and willingness to aid me in compiling this report, as shown by the Secretaries and other officers of the several lodges in District No. 11. Without their wholehearted co-operation, I would have been unable to complete these reports as thoroughly as was needed, but I am happy to say their time and talents were freely tendered me.

APPRECIATION

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, may I say, that I have been happy to serve you. Your kind suggestions and advice have been a real inspiration to me in my work as your representative, in District No. 11. The existing conditions, especially regarding arrears of dues, have failed to mar the pleasure I have derived from meeting the brethren on my visits, nor the spirit of kindly welcome I have received.

To the brethren, who accompanied me in my trips, and in many ways helped to make my term of office a happy one, I extend my sincere thanks.

I wish especially to mention R. W. Bro. C. H. Messinger, my District Secretary, and W. Bro. W. Dayman, Secretary of Robert Burns Lodge No. 49, for their splendid aid during my term of office.

To all brethren of District No. 11, I extend my heartfelt thanks for their kindness and the cordial welcome given, and I bespeak for my successor, W. Bro. J. S. Collins the same fine treatment.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. WHITMARSH,

D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 17, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your deputy for District No. 12 on the condition of Masonry in this district which is composed of thirteen lodges, six in the City of Edmonton and seven in country points.

I have visited every lodge in the district officially at least once, some several times, and on all occasions I have been received with the greatest courtesy and cordiality as your representative. The spirit and desire to co-operate with the Grand Officers, the hearty welcome extended to me by every brother will not be easily forgotten.

My first official duty was a very pleasant one, when I paid a visit to Pembina Lodge No. 126, at Sangudo, on August 6th, 1934, and in compliance with your instructions invested V. W. Bro. Robert A. Conrad, a Past Master of Pembina Lodge, as Grand Steward. On this occasion I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Jos. Madill and W. Bro. C. Haslop.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in conjunction with District No. 3, as has been the custom for some time, in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on October 13th, 1934, and was opened promptly at one o'clock p.m. by the officers of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, when the D.D.G.M.'s of Districts three and twelve entered the meeting and R. W.

Bro. John Thomson, D.D.G.M. of District No. 3, accepted the Gavel and presided.

M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, Grand Master, honored the district with an official visit, accompanied by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and other Grand Officers.

The programme of the District Meeting was carried out, and included, in addition to many other items, the Question Box, and the exemplification of the new and shorter form of opening and closing, which was very ably demonstrated by R. W. Bro. H. B. Fowler and other brethren.

After dinner M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, the Grand Master, gave a very instructive address, which was along those constructive lines which he has maintained and inspired throughout the year.

At this time R. W. Bro. Jos. Madill was presented with a P.D.D. G.M.'s regalia, and the election for D.D.G.M. for 1935-36 resulted in the election of W. Bro. Thos G. Govenlock of Whitecourt Lodge No. 153.

Before the meeting was closed M. W. Bro. John Martland, assisted by others, gave a portrayal and explanation of the symbolism of the first degree, which was educational and very much appreciated, after which the meeting was closed in harmony by the officers of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, which brought to a conclusion a very successful and profitable District Meeting.

During the year I have had, in addition to my regular visitations and those items already mentioned, the pleasure of conferring parts of the degrees on several occasions. I also installed the officers in two lodges and assisted at the installation of four others.

It is not my intention to make a separate report of the individual lodges within the district, as you already have my reports of each lodge as my visits were made; but rather to give a general outline of the district as a whole, and first of all a statistical report as follows:

December 31, 1934—

Resident Members.....	988	
Non-Resident Members.....	277	
Total.....	1265	
Dimitted during the year.....	31	
Died during the year.....	19	
Suspended N.P.D.....	21	
Decrease.....	71	
Initiations during the year.....	22	
Affiliations during the year.....	15	
Restored.....	12	
Increase.....	59	
Net Decrease.....	22	
Total Assets.....	\$26,137.78	
Liabilities.....	1,917.15	
Balance Assets over Liabilities.....	\$24,220.63	
Total Insurance in force.....	15,200.00	
There was expended for Benevolence.....	2,082.39	

There was a decrease in the number of members in arrears of 12 and in the amount of arrears a decrease of \$411.99.

The average attendance of resident members is 32.4 per cent which is disappointing and does not show any improvement.

During the year I have given more attention to the country points than I did to the city, believing that they were more in need of the services of a D.D.G.M. than the city lodges and that I could be of more service to them. On all these visits I have had the support of some, and in not a few cases, nearly all of the following brethren, to whom I am deeply indebted. They have given wonderful support and I hope that I may be able to render similar support to those who follow me.

A few of those who assisted me were R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, D.G.M., R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, G.C., R. W. Bros. Jos. Madill, A. West, A. B. McCurdy, H. B. Fowler, R. H. Lyttle, John Gaunt, H. Sandilands, District Secretary for Districts three and twelve; R. W. Bros. Steele and Geo. McDonagh; W. Bro. W. H. Hilton, Bro. F. S. McCall and many others, and to all those who assisted me so loyally I extend my most sincere thanks.

M. W. Grand Master, to you I am indebted for your patience and for the constructive programme you laid down for our guidance, which materially lightened the work of your deputies. I have endeavored at all times to give your wise council and advice where it was required. I have tried to stress the Educational side of Masonry; and to bring to each lodge in its charitable works the spirit of the lecture in the N. E. Angle, the personal responsibility and the satisfaction to be derived from making it a personal matter rather than the voting of lodge funds, that no worthy brother, temporarily in difficulty, should be suspended from the rights and privileges of the Craft. In this I have been ably supported on several occasions by W. Bro. W. H. Hilton, who has given a lot of study and time to this particular subject, and I believe the work begun along this line and the seed sown will be productive of results in the years to come.

The Work throughout the district is good. The books with few exceptions are well kept, and it has not been necessary for me to call attention to any irregularities except in very few cases. The Historical Registers are all up to date with one exception, which they have promised to have written up as soon as possible.

Harmony prevails throughout the district, and generally speaking I would say that the condition of Masonry shows some improvement.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the honor they have conferred upon me and express my gratitude for the kindness and courtesy extended to me at all times, and I trust that my efforts in this humble way may justify the confidence that they reposed in me.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. BURTON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Grande Prairie, May 20th, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I herewith submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 13 during the year.

The year had its difficulties due to the financial depression, weather conditions etc., but taking everything into consideration my year of office has been a pleasure to me. I could have derived a lot more pleasure and profit from it, if I had made my visits earlier in the term. Regardless of road conditions I should have gone when I would have got into personal touch with the different lodges in my district which would have given me much more time and opportunity to assist. However, I have had the privilege of visiting each of the lodges of the district, officially, at least once and some of them more.

It has been my privilege to encourage each lodge in Masonic Education and Research work, to try and create more interest and larger attendance, also secrecy, harmony and prudence have been other main points in my addresses to different lodges. Dues seem more or less a serious question and the lodges within my jurisdiction are preparing to take a more definite stand; leniency does not seem to work in some cases.

Masonry, on the whole, is holding its own and I firmly believe when "old man depression" takes flight, it will make a very encouraging difference to all good Masons. Sexsmith Lodge holds the unique position of having no arrears of dues.

DISTRICT MEETING

With the great assistance, which you, M. W. Sir, and the Grand Secretary gave me, we had a very successful District Meeting. A great deal of good was derived by everyone present. This meeting was held in Spirit River Lodge Room, August 7th, 1934. Some very interesting reports on the condition of Masonry were given by different brethren and our programme, which was prepared by you, proved to be the key to the success of the meeting. This programme aroused very interesting discussions and gave opportunities for everyone to think for himself and take part as he saw fit. During the session several members of Grande Prairie Lodge demonstrated in a very creditable manner a new form of opening and closing a lodge.

At the proper time the election of a D.D.G.M. for the year 1935-36 was called. V. W. Bro. James K. Smith of Spirit River Lodge No. 116 was elected by acclamation.

On the evening of October 12th, 1934, the members of District No. 13 who could possibly get to Spirit River had the very great pleasure of renewing acquaintance with M. W. Bro. Blackstock, P.G.M., and hearing his address regarding his visit to London, England, to attend the Dedication Ceremonies of the Peace Memorial Temple. Lantern Slides were used which helped greatly to make one realize just how Masonic Work is done in our Mother Country. The brethren of this district were truly thankful for the efforts put forth by M. W. Bro.

Blackstock and yourself, M. W. Sir, for the able way in which arrangements were made, and for the fraternal spirit shown in order that the brethren in the most northerly district of the Province should share in hearing first hand the wonderful achievements of the Grand Lodge of England of which the Most Worshipful H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught is Grand Master.

Having sent a detailed report of my visits to the different lodges, to you already, I hardly think it necessary to make a repetition of them here. This new form of report which was introduced for the first time I think is a wonderful improvement. It certainly gives a District Deputy every assistance in making a report which gives proper information to you, and I sincerely trust that I have carried out the duty to your satisfaction, and have no doubt that the work done this year can be greatly improved upon in the future as the idea of the report form becomes more developed.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the district, for the honor which they conferred on me, also your good self and the Grand Secretary for your many kindnesses to me. I might also add that I was well and worthily received on each of my official visits and will ever remember my year of office as D.D.G.M. for this district.

Fraternally submitted,

J. O. PATTERSON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Craigmyle, May 13, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 14 as I have found it during the past year.

As you know, this district has been practically without a crop for the past five or six years, Hanna to Oyen being particularly hard hit. All lodges are finding it difficult to finance, and with so many members not being able to pay their dues, naturally attendance is badly affected, brethren in arrears not feeling free to attend meetings, even though not under suspension. I feel many of our lodges are allowing members to become too far in arrear before taking action, though I know they feel loath to suspend in this difficult period, as suspension almost invariably means a member totally lost.

Fraternal inter-visiting is prevalent and does much to keep up the spirit and tone of the lodges. Members are developing initiative in compiling and delivering papers as advocated by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, many lodges following their programme to good advantage.

I visited each lodge once officially, and cannot speak too highly of the reception given me in each case. It was my privilege to invest

V. W. Bro. W. J. Winning of Berry Creek Lodge No. 158 as Grand Pursuivant, on the occasion of my official visit to that lodge. The most representative meeting of the district was on the occasion of my official visit at Chinook, where every lodge in District No. 14 was represented. On May 1st we helped Hanna Lodge celebrate the King's Silver Jubilee Anniversary.

The Annual District Meeting was held at Craigmyle on Thursday, October 4th, 1934, with the officers of Craigmyle Lodge in the chairs. M. W. Bro. Bowes, Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Connacher, Custodian of York Work, and a number of Past District Deputies were present. Owing to the fact that harvesting was in full swing the afternoon attendance was rather poor, but a goodly number turned up for the banquet and evening session.

The afternoon session was most instructive, with an exemplification of the suggested new and shorter form of opening and closing by Craigmyle Lodge, answers to many pertinent questions in the Question Box, and discussion under the head "For the good of the Craft in general and of lodges in particular."

After the banquet Oyen Lodge officers occupied the chairs, and gave a splendid exemplification of the third degree. The M. W. Grand Master then gave an excellent address, followed by a short talk by the Grand Secretary and M. W. Bro. Connacher.

W. Bro. D. Dishan of Acadia Lodge No. 82 was chosen as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, and Youngstown was selected as the place for the 1935 meeting.

I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to R. W. Bro. J. G. Odell of Hanna Lodge for his advice and assistance as District Secretary, and to the officers and brethren of all lodges in District 14 for making my tenure of office so pleasant. I shall never forget the kindly welcome I received at each of these meetings. Finally M. W. Sir, it has been a privilege to work with you and serve you.

OFFICIAL VISITS

I visited Berry Creek Lodge No. 158 on June 27th, 1934. In spite of a heavy rain and short notice of an official visit there were twenty-four members present, an excellent average. A third degree was ably conferred. This lodge owns its quarters, and has fine prospects.

I visited Oyen Lodge No. 104 on September 7th, 1934. There was no degree work. The officers are very capable, having two past D.D.G.M.'s to assist them. They own their quarters. The financial standing is just fair, poor crops keeping this district back.

Crocus Lodge No. 115 was visited on September 26th, 1934, I expected a third degree, but the candidate was unable to appear. W. Bro. Bond from Hanna gave us an excellent address on Masonry. Every lodge in District No. 14 was represented on this occasion, and all voted it a splendid meeting.

I visited Hanna Lodge No. 78 on November 7th, 1934. The second degree was conferred in an able manner. There were twenty-seven visitors present. Hanna Lodge is in good financial condition, and is active, although local members do not turn out as well as they should.

On April 14th, 1935, I visited Hand Hill Lodge No. 98. They had no degree work, but a very good paper was given by W. Bro. Nether-ton. Several Past Masters have prepared papers and keep up interest in their meetings. The lodge is in good condition financially, active, and well officered.

I officially visited Craigmyle Lodge No. 132 on April 16th, 1935. This being my own lodge I attend their regular meetings, so am better informed on their condition. We have capable officers, are in fair financial condition, not so good local attendance as we might have, but have hopes of an improvement with better conditions in the district.

I visited Acadia Lodge No. 82 at Youngstown on October 15th, 1934. This lodge, having so many farmer members, has been badly hit because of poor crops, and is in poor financial condition. Through a local agreement among its members that arrears in dues cannot be carried over a certain period of time, the membership is subject to a big decrease unless crops improve considerably. They have proficient officers, and the books are in good shape. I enjoyed my visit, though the attendance was small.

Summarizing District 14, the lodges are well officered, Masonry is a live issue, and with a return to normal times this district should show a definite up-swing.

Fraternally submitted,

E. A. CAVANAUGH,

D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Trochu May 25, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on Masonic District No. 15, for 1934-35.

During my term of office I have visited every lodge in the district and have met with a very cordial reception in all the lodges. I therefore take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of District No. 15 for the many kindnesses shown to me, and for the honor conferred on me, by electing me to this very important position.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Trochu, in October. The district was well represented by a large number of the brethren from the several lodges. There were also a number of visitors. We were honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. Connacher, Custodian of the Work. The meeting was opened by St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66 in prescribed form. The D.D.G.M. was received in due form and

assumed the gavel. The Grand Officers were received with Grand Honors by the brethren. The minutes of the last District Meeting held in Bashaw were read and confirmed. Reports were received from the W. M.'s of the various lodges in the district, and a number of questions were asked and were explained by the Grand Master and the Custodian of the Work. At 6 p.m. the meeting was called from labor to refreshment and the brethren assembled at the United Church for supper, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by the Ladies' Guild of the church. 102 brethren sat down to the banquet.

After returning to the lodge room we listened to an inspiring address by the Grand Master. The election of the D.D.G.M. was then proceeded with and W. Bro. Raffan of Cyprus Lodge No. 113, Three Hills, was elected for the term of 1935-36, Three Hills being chosen for the next District Meeting. During this session Cyprus Lodge of Three Hills put on an exhibition of the short form of opening and closing in the three degrees, very efficiently. The District Meeting was closed by St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66 in a very able manner.

VISITATIONS

Acme Lodge No. 60: I visited this lodge in May accompanied by five Past Masters from St. Andrew's Lodge. There was a good attendance and the second degree was exemplified in a creditable manner. The routine work of the lodge was very well done and the W. M. has his work well in hand. There has been no increase in membership during the past year, but the members are very optimistic. All books and records are kept neatly and in order.

Fidelity Lodge No. 76, at Bashaw, I visited in October. It is always a pleasure to visit this lodge as the members are actively interested. The lodge owns a very fine Temple which is adequately furnished. All the books and Historical Register are in excellent shape. There was a good turnout of members, and visitors were present from several adjacent lodges. A number of brethren from St. Andrew's Lodge accompanied me on this visit.

Cavell Lodge No. 125, Delburne: I visited Cavell Lodge in April, accompanied by twelve members of my lodge. This is a small lodge but an enthusiastic one and the members are all keen and although no new members have been initiated for a year or so prospects are good. All books and records are well kept.

Cyprus Lodge No. 113, Three Hills: I always feel at home visiting this lodge as it is close to St. Andrew's. They had their annual roll call and it was very much enjoyed. I would suggest that each lodge institute an annual roll call for its members. All books and records were in good condition.

Irricana Lodge No. 137: This lodge was visited in May when I was accompanied by W. Bro. Roach of St. Andrew's. There was a large attendance of members and of visitors. This is a very good lodge and the esprit de corp is excellent. Their Temple and furnishings are superb, and they display the real Masonic spirit. The records and books are in first-class order.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66, Trochu: This is my home lodge. I made my official visit in April when the attendance was good and all books and records well kept. The officers are very efficient and the Masonic spirit excellent.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 109, Mirror: I have been unable to visit this lodge on account of road conditions, but at their meeting in June will pay my official visit.

In conclusion, I again wish to thank the brethren of District No. 15 for their kindness and aid in making my term of office a pleasant one and I wish to thank the Grand Master and Grand Secretary for their able assistance.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. SNYDER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Carbon, May 11, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 16 for the year 1934-35.

It has been my pleasure to visit all the lodges in this district, officially, at least once. To some of the lodges, I paid two visits. I received a hearty welcome from every brother on all occasions and I feel free to report that harmony prevails in all the lodges of this district. It is also gratifying to state that expressions of loyalty and a desire to co-operate with Grand Lodge and neighboring lodges seems quite evident.

I believe I am voicing the opinion of each lodge in saying that District No. 16 appreciates very much the thorough and very patient attention our Grand Master has given to each individual lodge.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Drumheller Masonic Temple on October 3rd, 1934. The meeting was opened by W. Bro. J. W. Harrison and his officers of Symbol Lodge No. 93. The D.D.G.M. was received with customary honours and assumed the gavel. The M. W. Grand Master, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Kemmis, the Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. Conqacher, were received and saluted with the customary honours.

A number of topics of Masonic interest came before the meeting for discussion, these relating principally to the business management of lodges. The question box was then opened. Thirteen questions having been submitted, these were dealt with by the M. W. the Grand Master and the Custodians of the Work.

A suggested shorter form of opening and closing lodges was exemplified by the Past Masters of Drumheller Lodge No. 146.

In the evening session the M. W. Grand Master gave a very instructive and interesting address relating to the "Interior Management of Lodges."

W. Bro. T. M. McGarry of Drumheller Lodge No. 146 was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1935-36, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. It was decided to hold the next District Meeting at Carbon. The District Meeting was closed by W. Bro. Charles Bradwell and officers of Rockyford Lodge No. 123.

SYMBOL LODGE No. 93

I visited this lodge on July 30th, 1934, and again on March 20th, 1935. On the occasion of my first visit the W. M. and officers conferred the second degree in an efficient and impressive manner. On my second visit, Perfection Lodge No. 9, Calgary, paid a fraternal visit and conferred the third degree in a manner that was indeed perfection. Symbol Lodge deals with their business in a very efficient manner and have greatly reduced the debt on their splendid lodge hall. I am given to understand that this lodge will be clear of debt by the close of this year. An earnest effort is being made to collect outstanding dues with considerable success.

CARBON LODGE No. 107

This being the lodge to which I belong, I attended all their meetings, making the occasions of my official visits on June 26th, 1934, and March 19th, 1935. This lodge is in a good financial condition; they own their lodge hall which is free of debt. The Educational and Research programme is well attended to. This lodge has a Benevolent Fund.

ROCKYFORD LODGE No. 123

I paid official visits to this lodge on October 8th, 1934, and March 11th, 1935. I witnessed the conferring of the first degree by the W. M. and officers of the lodge. The work was excellent. I feel that the lodge has the talent to deal with the subject of Masonic Research and Education, which I understand will be given attention. Although it has a fairly large debt, owing to having built a new hall a few years ago, yet, I believe this matter is being dealt with in an adequate manner and prospects are very good. This lodge has a Benevolent Fund.

HUSSAR LODGE No. 150

I visited Hussar Lodge on November 12th, 1934, and I hope to pay another visit this month. W. Bro. Bell and officers conferred the third degree on two candidates on the occasion of my visit. The lodge is in a very good financial condition and is conducted on an efficient and businesslike basis. A good team spirit is shown as evidenced by the erecting of their new lodge hall in 1932, which is practically free of debt. A committee has been appointed for the purpose of dealing with the matter of Masonic Research and Education. This lodge has a Benevolent Fund.

DRUMHELLER LODGE No. 146

I visited this lodge on October 16th, 1934, and witnessed the second degree conferred by W. Bro. Wilson Gouge and officers. The lodge is in excellent financial condition, the brethren show great interest in the work and the social side is given adequate attention. The officers are particularly efficient. I trust that a great effort will be made to follow a programme of Masonic Research and Education. This Lodge has a Benevolent Fund.

ROSEBUD LODGE No. 149

I paid an official visit to this lodge on October 19th, 1934. There was no degree work; but the opening and closing was done very well.

Although the lodge is small yet all resident members seem to be quite active, and there is no debt. Interest is taken in Masonic Research and Education and the Grand Lodge plan has been followed. This lodge has a Benevolent Fund.

STANDARD LODGE No. 152

I paid an official visit to this lodge on November 19th, 1934. It is the youngest and has the smallest membership in District No. 16, but is in a sound financial condition. A good spirit of enthusiasm is shown. Although this lodge has no library, they subscribe to the Installed Masters' Association, and the addresses from that organization are read regularly in lodge. There is a Benevolent Fund.

On all of my official visits I directed my remarks to our "Responsibilities as Masons." Some of the lodges in this district are taking a keen interest in Masonic Research and Education, while with others the matter might be greatly advanced.

The books and records of all lodges in District No. 16 are in good condition and I consider adequate fire insurance is carried.

I wish to express my appreciation to all brethren who so kindly accompanied me on my visits. I would especially offer my sincere thanks to R. W. Bro. W. A. Braisher who acted as District Secretary. His services have been invaluable. He is always ready to offer a word of kind advice and willing to work at all times in the interest of the Craft.

May I express my thanks to the brethren of this district for the honour of being their elected representative for the past year and my sincere appreciation for the very kind assistance from the M. W. Grand Master and other Grand Officers.

Fraternally submitted,

S. F. TORRANCE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edgerton, May 25, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventeenth Masonic District, for the year ending June, 1935.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of the district for the honor extended in electing me to this high office and the unfailing courtesy shown me. I wish particularly to express my sincere appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered me by W. Bro. F. F. Mitchell, whom I appointed District Secretary and who accompanied me on all my official visits.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE No. 44.

On August 1st, 1934, I paid my official visit to this lodge. I had the pleasure of seeing the second degree conferred by the Past Masters with the Master in the East. This work was put on in a very efficient manner. General Finances and condition of the books in this lodge are good, and the brethren are the proud possessors of the finest lodge hall in the district.

PALESTINE LODGE No. 46

July 18th, 1934, I officially visited this lodge and had the honor of investing Bro. David Jacobs as Grand Steward. The work in this lodge was exceptionally good, books well kept and the Historical Register brought up to date.

CONNAUGHT LODGE No. 69

On May 21st, 1935, I paid my official visit to the above lodge. W. Bro. Richardson exhibited ability in handling the business of the lodge, with promptness and dispatch. The books are in capable hands. I had the pleasure of listening to a lecture by W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell on "Communism, Fascism and Democracy," which was very much enjoyed by the brethren.

DYNAMIC LODGE No. 96

On November 7th, 1934, I paid my official visit to this lodge. There was no degree work, but the business was very well conducted. Books are well kept and the Historical Register is right up to date. The welcome extended to brethren is very sincere and enthusiastic.

ALBION LODGE No. 97

On September 6th, 1934, I made an official visit to this lodge. The members are to be congratulated on their very fine lodge hall. The business of the lodge was handled very efficiently by W. Bro. Parcels. The Work was good; the Historical Register is up to date and the books are well kept.

EDGERTON LODGE No. 102

September 17th, 1934, was the date I paid my official visit to the above lodge. There has been no degree work for a long time and as a consequence the Work has suffered and should be improved. The lodge has paid off a substantial amount on its lodge hall and is looking forward to doing even better in 1936. Books are well kept and the Historical Register is up to date.

VICTORY LODGE No. 112

I visited this lodge on June 6th, 1935, the occasion being the annual election of officers. The work is excellent and considering the hard times prevalent in this locality, this lodge has done exceptionally well.

GRATTON LODGE No. 144

On November 15th, 1934, I made an official visit to the above lodge, where the first degree was splendidly exemplified by W. Bro.

G. A. Tripp. W. Bro. Fletcher, the Secretary, has the books well kept and the Historical Register is up to date.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Wainwright, on 16th of October, 1934, with an attendance of 89 members. The meeting was opened by the brethren of Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44 at 1:45 p.m. The D.D.G.M. was received with Grand Honors and assumed the Gavel. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, and M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher were then received in due form and escorted to the East. The minutes of the last District Meeting were read and confirmed. Many topics of Masonic interest came before the meeting for discussion and a most pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent in this way. Many valuable contributions to the discussion were made by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The suggested new and shorter form of opening and closing lodges was then exemplified by the brethren of Edgerton Lodge No. 102. The meeting was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5:45 p.m. and the brethren gathered for supper. Labor was resumed at 7:30 p.m. The M. W. Grand Master then gave an address, which was well received and provided much to think about. A few remarks by the Grand Secretary and M. W. Bro. Connacher were also appreciated. W. Bro. J. W. Chapman of Palestine Lodge No. 46 was the unanimous choice of the brethren for D.D.G.M. for 1935-36, and Tofield was selected as the place for the District Meeting for 1935. The meeting was then closed by the officers of Albion Lodge No. 97 with W. Bro. Parcels in the East.

Fraternally submitted,

T. J. CHAVASSE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Noble (118), seconded by R. W. Bro. John Thomson (68), "That the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry"

Report of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 11, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Thirtieth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances for the financial year ending January 31st, 1935. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 31st, 1934, together with a statement of certificates issued; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

Eight hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with Section 71 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 163 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 54 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 136 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-laws of the following:

King George, No. 59.....	Nov.	2, 1934
Crescent, No. 87.....	Dec.	29, 1934
Vermilion, No. 24.....	Mar.	28, 1935
Robert Burns, No. 49.....	Apr.	16, 1935
St. John's, No. 25.....	June	4, 1935

Amendments to By-Laws

Sharon, No. 157.....	July	24, 1934
Onoway, No. 138.....	Aug.	4, 1934
Pyramid, No. 108.....	Sept.	17, 1934

Camrose, No. 37.....	Oct.	29, 1934
Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Oct.	29, 1934
Victory, No. 112.....	Oct.	29, 1934
Chief Mountain, No. 58.....	Nov.	2, 1934
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.....	Dec.	14, 1934
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Jan.	18, 1935
Strathmore, No. 53.....	Jan.	24, 1935
Champion, No. 84.....	Jan.	24, 1935
Spirit River, No. 116.....	Feb.	5, 1935
Kitchener, No. 95.....	Feb.	13, 1935
Zetland, No. 83.....	Feb.	18, 1935
Pyramid, No. 108.....	Feb.	23, 1935
Standard, No. 152.....	Feb.	26, 1935
Bassano, No. 55.....	Mar.	4, 1935
Edson, No. 68.....	Mar.	4, 1935
Manyberries, No. 133.....	Mar.	5, 1935
Gleichen, No. 36.....	Mar.	7, 1935
Lamont, No. 94.....	Mar.	16, 1935
Sentinel, No. 26.....	Mar.	29, 1935
Wetaskiwin, No. 15.....	Apr.	3, 1935
Tuscan, No. 43.....	Apr.	8, 1935
Kilwinning, No. 110.....	Apr.	16, 1935
Berry Creek, No. 158.....	May	15, 1935
Perfection, No. 9.....	May	28, 1935
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	June	4, 1935
Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	June	7, 1935
Lamont, No. 94.....	June	7, 1935
Verdigris, No. 100.....	June	10, 1935
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	June	10, 1935

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

Vulcan, No. 74.....	June	15, 1934
North Star, No. 4.....	June	16, 1934
Eureka, No. 10.....	June	16, 1934
Coronation, No. 22.....	June	16, 1934
Apollo, No. 27.....	June	16, 1934
Star of the West, No. 34.....	June	16, 1934
Gleichen, No. 36.....	June	16, 1934
Ionic, No. 45.....	June	16, 1934
Coronation, No. 72.....	June	16, 1934
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June	16, 1934
Forestburg, No. 128.....	June	20, 1934
Hope, No. 38.....	Aug.	23, 1934
St. John's, No. 25.....	Oct.	19, 1934

To Hold Special Installations

Manyberries, No. 133.....	June	16, 1934
Kilwinning, No. 110.....	June	16, 1934
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	June	18, 1934
Patricia, No. 91.....	June	16, 1934
Edson, No. 68.....	June	16, 1934
Norwood, No. 90.....	June	18, 1934

Hope, No. 38.....	June	20, 1934
Onoway, No. 138.....	July	9, 1934
Dominion, No. 117.....	Nov.	14, 1934
Ancient Landmark, No. 108.....	Nov.	19, 1934
Foremost, No. 103.....	Nov.	19, 1934
Commercial, No. 81.....	Nov.	19, 1934
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov.	26, 1934
Stratheona, No. 77.....	Nov.	30, 1934
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Dec.	3, 1934
Verdigris, No. 100.....	Dec.	4, 1934
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Dec.	6, 1934
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec.	6, 1934
Zetland, No. 83.....	Dec.	7, 1934
Unity, No. 51.....	Dec.	11, 1934
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec.	11, 1934
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec.	11, 1934
Symbol, No. 93.....	Dec.	18, 1934
Perfection, No. 9.....	Dec.	19, 1934
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Jan.	4, 1935
Joppa, No. 40.....	Jan.	3, 1935
Hythe, No. 156.....	Jan.	3, 1935
Grassy Lake, No. 57.....	Jan.	2, 1935
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	Jan.	8, 1935
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	Jan.	10, 1935
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Dec.	21, 1934
Crescent, No. 87.....	Dec.	24, 1934
Westlock, No. 114.....	Dec.	28, 1934
Earl Haig, No. 155.....	Dec.	28, 1934
Forestburg, No. 128.....	Jan.	14, 1935
Berry Creek, No. 158.....	Mar.	20, 1935
Morning Star, No. 79.....	May	11, 1935

To Hold Special Elections

Berry Creek, No. 158.....	Oct.	2, 1934
Patricia, No. 91.....	May	7, 1935

To Elect and Invest Out of Time

York, No. 119.....	Dec.	18, 1934
Doric, No. 31.....	Jan.	8, 1935
Westlock, No. 114.....	Feb.	14, 1935
Sexsmith, No. 160.....	May	15, 1935

To Invest Out of Time

Spirit River, No. 116.....	Oct.	9, 1934
Brooks, No. 73.....	Jan.	3, 1935
Kitchener, No. 95.....	Jan.	14, 1935
Cairo, No. 32.....	Jan.	15, 1935
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Feb.	6, 1935
Earl Haig, No. 155.....	Mar.	6, 1935

To Change Regular Night of Meeting

Carstairs, No. 20.....	June	18, 1934
Dominion, No. 117.....	June	16, 1934
Rosebud, No. 149.....	June	16, 1934
Apollo, No. 27.....	June	22, 1934
Concord, No. 124.....	Aug.	17, 1934
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Aug.	20, 1934
Sharon, No. 157.....	Sept.	8, 1934
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Oct.	1, 1934
Palestine, No. 46.....	Oct.	5, 1934
York, No. 119.....	Nov.	14, 1934
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov.	26, 1934
Vermilion, No. 24.....	Dec.	26, 1934
Unity, No. 51.....	Dec.	21, 1934
Quarry, No. 70.....	Dec.	26, 1934
Corinthian, No. 22.....	Dec.	28, 1934
Gleichen, No. 36.....	Jan.	7, 1935
Stavely, No. 33.....	Feb.	16, 1935
Bassano, No. 55.....	Mar.	19, 1935
King Solomon, No. 41.....	Apr.	10, 1935
Lamont, No. 94.....	Apr.	23, 1935
Bassano, No. 55.....	Apr.	30, 1935
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	May	3, 1935

To Change Regular Hour of Meeting

Concord, No. 124.....	Sept.	25, 1934
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Apr.	12, 1935

To Act with Physical Defect

Lethbridge, No. 39.....	Apr.	12, 1935
Sexsmith, No. 150.....	Apr.	15, 1935

To Receive and Act on Petition and Confer Degrees Within Time Prescribed by Constitution

Empire, No. 63.....	Jan.	24, 1935
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To Act Without Residence Qualifications

Crocus, No. 115.....	July	30, 1934
Strathcona, No. 77.....	Oct.	23, 1934
Manyberries, No. 133.....	Feb.	20, 1935.

Grand Representatives

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Rhode Island, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro.

John D. Nelson of Providence, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Illinois, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Ben E. Sincere of Chicago our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of New Zealand, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed R. W. Bro. Robert W. Stiles of Nelson, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Maine, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed R. W. Bro. George F. Giddings of Augusta, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Costa Rica, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Joseph D. Peet, W. M. of La Luz Lodge, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Alberta, R. W. Bro. John Hening of Edmonton, was commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Revision of the Constitution

M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, Chairman; M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Vice-Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock and M. W. Bro. John Martland.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Chairman; R. W. Bro. A. West, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, Chairman; M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby and R. W. Bro. A. West.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 31, 1933.....13,057

Increase	
Initiated.....	173
Passed.....	169
Raised.....	163
Joined.....	134
Reinstated.....	62
Total Increase.....	369
Decrease	
Dimitted.....	293
Suspended N.P.D.....	412
Suspended U.M.C.....	1
Died.....	136
Total Decrease.....	842
Net Decrease.....	473
Total Membership, December 31, 1934.....	12,584

While we must again record a decrease in membership, an examination of the tables in our Proceedings from and including 1930 to January 31st of this year, would, if shown on a chart, demonstrate that Masonry in Alberta withstood adverse conditions remarkably well.

The graph would show that dimitts varied but little for the six years. The top of the curve was in 1932 and we are now level with 1931. Suspensions N.P.D. show a gradually rising line, the high point being reached last year, and we are now level with 1933. Suspensions U.M.C. average barely two for each year. Deaths do not greatly vary, the lowest being in 1931 and the highest record last year.

Initiations fell rather rapidly from 1930 to 1933, then more slowly to the end of this year (1934), and now there is every appearance of an upturn in the curve. Affiliations followed the same downward curve, but not so steeply, while reinstatements only show a slight fall from 1930 to 1932, remaining at the same level for 1933, being now higher than in 1930.

It may be of interest to know that the net total decrease in membership is only 1,136 for the six years, and indications are that the graph for admissions has been leveling off during the last two years and now shows a distinct rise, which is encouraging.

Secretaries of lodges have made their half-yearly returns promptly on the whole. Nearly all returns are typewritten, but it seems the temptation to make short cuts by omissions of such things as dates, place of birth, etc., is too great. More care should be taken to give names in full and spell them correctly.

The forms we now use for amendments to By-laws have been very useful, but there are still a number of lodges who have neglected to send in copies of their By-laws as requested, thereby causing delay in confirming amendments submitted to the Grand Master.

It will be remembered that R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman presented Grand Lodge with a set of gavels made of wood which had been shattered by shrapnel at Cambrai in the Great War. The Mayor of Cambrai wrote a letter describing the Museum building in Cambrai, from which

the wood was obtained, together with a general description of the town and its inhabitants, which lengthy document W. Bro. R. G. Lebeau, P. M. of Bow River Lodge No. 1, very kindly translated for Grand Lodge. His translation has been placed with the original in the cabinet which contains the gavels.

was commissioned by the Grand Master to represent him and this Grand Lodge at the funeral of our late M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who died on 9th March, 1935. He was a distinguished Mason and Masonic authority and a central figure in Western Masonry for more than forty years. He was held in high regard by many of our own elder brethren, who often sought his advice with benefit to themselves and this Grand Lodge.

The large gathering of Grand Officers, past and present, together with representatives of lodges in that jurisdiction, who came to pay their last respects, was an eloquent tribute to the respect and affection in which he was held. I felt I was highly privileged to represent our Grand Lodge on this occasion.

I returned from Winnipeg in the company of M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and accepted his very kind invitation to stay over in Regina. I spent a very pleasant and profitable day with him—in his office, at luncheon with old friends he enabled me to meet, and at his own home in the evening, where I was privileged to meet his family, a circle into which it was an honor to be received.

Perhaps the most notable event of the Masonic year was the Conference of the Grand Officers of the three Prairie Provinces, which has already been mentioned by the Grand Master, and which was successful judging by the letters received since from those who attended, signifying their keen satisfaction, complimenting the Grand Master for his initiative in calling them together and expressing admiration of the organizing ability he displayed in the preparation and carrying out of the plans which made the Conference possible and contributed so much to its success.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to our Grand Master for his support and assistance in the business of the office. During the year he has taken a full share of the duties, always with unfailing courtesy and kindness and it was a pleasure to work with him.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. S. Kinnear". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending January 31st, 1935

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge

Monies received between February 1, 1934, and January 31, 1935

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River.....	\$264.55	40.	Joppa.....	33.90
2.	Medicine Hat.....	295.80	41.	King Solomon.....	21.80
3.	Alberta.....	116.05	42.	Bowden.....	113.85
4.	North Star.....	299.80	43.	Tuscan.....	8.00
5.	Cascade.....	179.00	44.	Buffalo Park.....	99.90
6.	Spitzie.....	76.65	45.	Ionic.....	43.55
7.	Edmonton.....	340.35	46.	Palestine.....	85.20
8.	Innisfail.....	81.15	47.	Chinook.....	54.60
9.	Perfection.....	453.35	48.	Crossfield.....	80.91
10.	Eureka.....	151.00	49.	Robert Burns.....	45.55
11.	Acacia.....	231.35	50.	Comet.....	26.50
12.	Red Deer.....	145.75	51.	Unity.....	480.80
13.	Victoria.....	62.40	53.	Strathmore.....	105.80
14.	Jasper.....	204.30	54.	Mount Lebanon ..	280.10
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	166.60	55.	Bassano.....	82.00
16.	Mountain View ..	123.05	56.	Beaver.....	79.45
17.	Nanton.....	105.10	57.	Grassy Lake.....	47.80
18.	Britannia.....	137.15	58.	Chief Mountain...	104.15
19.	Cornerstone.....	185.55	59.	King George.....	349.66
20.	Carstairs.....	62.61	60.	Acme.....	91.95
21.	King Hiram.....	111.10	61.	Provost.....	64.95
22.	Corinthian.....	224.00	62.	Coal.....	41.25
23.	Calgary.....	249.95	63.	Empire.....	174.60
24.	Vermilion.....	90.80	64.	Bow Island.....	82.15
25.	St. John's.....	172.20	65.	Diamond City....	50.00
26.	Sentinel.....	79.85	66.	St. Andrew's.....	122.25
27.	Apollo.....	79.40	67.	Charity.....	106.40
28.	Ashlar.....	244.55	68.	Edson.....	211.60
29.	Kenilworth.....	112.40	69.	Connaught.....	55.60
30.	Summit.....	77.25	70.	Quarry.....	65.90
31.	Doric.....	102.45	71.	Tawatinaw.....	66.30
32.	Cairo.....	4.50	72.	Coronation.....	126.05
33.	Stavely.....	83.15	73.	Brooks.....	147.60
34.	Star of the West..	75.45	74.	Vulcan.....	120.35
35.	Mizpah.....	184.35	75.	Harmony.....	43.20
36.	Gleichen.....	69.30	76.	Fidelity.....	131.00
37.	Camrose.....	133.10	77.	Strathcona.....	239.30
38.	Hope.....	109.75	78.	Hanna.....	158.45
39.	Lethbridge.....	191.90	79.	Morning Star.	58.60

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
80.	Excelsior	32.25	125.	Cavell	54.20
81.	Commercial	205.85	126.	Pembina	31.60
82.	Acadia	65.90	127.	Granite	100.60
83.	Zetland	302.85	128.	Forestburg	76.10
84.	Champion	73.65	129.	Meridian	64.60
86.	Rocky Mountain ..	82.25	130.	Hussar	23.20
87.	Crescent	393.15	131.	Kitscoty	47.75
88.	Wahpun	54.70	132.	Craigmyle	38.40
89.	Peace River	191.20	133.	Manyberries	48.65
90.	Norwood	124.00	134.	Renfrew	187.20
91.	Patricia	370.80	135.	Alliance	43.65
92.	Saskatchewan	164.70	136.	Cresset	42.85
93.	Symbol	241.25	137.	Irricana	53.30
94.	Lamont	29.00	138.	Onoway	43.80
95.	Kitchener	17.40	139.	Melrose	36.25
96.	Dynamic	44.90	140.	Big Valley	96.50
97.	Albion	81.60	141.	Efficiency	43.05
98.	Hand Hill	36.00	142.	Ivanhoe	224.95
100.	Verdigris	94.60	143.	Jasper Park	144.50
101.	West Edmonton ..	81.70	144.	Gratton	55.50
102.	Edgerton	45.35	145.	St. Alban's	65.45
103.	Foremost	47.45	146.	Drumheller	99.50
104.	Oyen	32.90	147.	Northland	60.30
105.	Grande Prairie ..	132.65	148.	Mayerthorpe	45.40
106.	Lake Saskatoon ..	103.40	149.	Rosebud	33.45
107.	Carbon	94.00	150.	Donalda	25.75
108.	Pyramid	43.25	151.	Lochearn	79.00
109.	Ancient Landmark	61.75	152.	Standard	28.05
110.	Kilwinning	37.85	153.	Whitecourt	50.00
111.	Nobleford	18.20	154.	Waskatenau	24.65
112.	Victory	34.50	155.	Earl Haig	40.95
113.	Cyprus	68.55	156.	Hythe	19.40
114.	Westlock	73.80	157.	Sharon	31.30
115.	Crocus	84.20	158.	Berry Creek	66.00
116.	Spirit River	122.55	159.	Lucerne	32.75
117.	Dominion	201.30	160.	Sexsmith	40.40
118.	St. Mark's	100.00		Masonic District No. 9.	85.00
119.	York	183.90		Masonic District No. 10.	85.00
120.	Monitor	105.00		Masonic District No. 14.	85.05
121.	Clive	27.75		Masonic District No. 15.	85.00
122.	Rising Sun	81.55		Sundry Account	54.30
123.	Rockyford	111.15			
124.	Concord	162.65			
				Total	\$17,632.83

DEBIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1935

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River	\$ 11.75	14.	Jasper	140
2.	Medicine Hat	.50	17.	Nanton	10.25
5.	Cascade	1.60	22.	Corinthian	3.70
6.	Spitzie	2.75	24.	Vermilion	.45
8.	Innisfail	.15	25.	St. John's	2.85
13.	Victoria	2.29	30.	Summit	.25

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
32.	Cairo.....	140.20	103.	Foremost.....	7.00
34.	Star of the West..	3.90	104.	Oyen.....	.15
35.	Mizpah.....	.50	108.	Pyramid.....	2.00
36.	Gleichen.....	2.55	109.	Ancient Landmark	.20
37.	Camrose.....	5.05	110.	Kilwinning.....	.10
38.	Hope.....	.40	111.	Nobleford.....	6.25
39.	Lethbridge.....	.15	114.	Westlock.....	9.80
43.	Tuscan.....	71.10	116.	Spirit River.....	3.10
44.	Buffalo Park.....	6.00	118.	St. Mark's.....	80.40
45.	Ionic.....	4.85	119.	York.....	3.60
46.	Palestine.....	.05	120.	Monitor.....	39.60
47.	Chinook.....	.25	121.	Clive.....	6.80
48.	Crossfield.....	339.74	122.	Rising Sun.....	6.50
49.	Robert Burns....	.30	123.	Rockyford.....	2.20
51.	Unity.....	5.40	124.	Concord.....	2.00
54.	Mount Lebanon ..	.35	125.	Cavell.....	.25
55.	Bassano.....	1.50	127.	Granite.....	12.60
61.	Provost.....	12.75	128.	Forestburg.....	16.90
63.	Empire.....	13.60	130.	Hussar.....	3.30
66.	St. Andrew's.....	.75	131.	Kitscoty.....	.15
71.	Tawatinaw.....	.50	134.	Renfrew.....	42.40
73.	Brooks.....	2.50	137.	Irricana.....	.50
75.	Harmony.....	.35	138.	Onoway.....	1 75
76.	Fidelity.....	72.45	142.	Ivanhoe.....	3.15
78.	Hanna.....	1.25	143.	Jasper Park.....	1.00
82.	Acadia.....	2.40	145.	St. Alban's.....	12.70
83.	Zetland.....	2.00	146.	Drumheller.....	2.00
87.	Crescent.....	1.40	148.	Mayerthorpe....	.25
88.	Peace River.....	4.90	149.	Rosebud.....	4.00
90.	Norwood.....	.30	153.	Whitecourt.....	73.70
92.	Saskatchewan ..	4.50	155.	Earl Haig.....	15.15
93.	Symbol.....	5.55	156.	Hythe.....	2.45
94.	Lamont.....	.50	158.	Berry Creek.....	2.20
95.	Kitchener.....	4.55	159.	Lucerne.....	2.00
97.	Albion.....	1.15			
98.	Hand Hill.....	3.70			
101.	West Edmonton ..	89.15			
				Total.....	\$1,209.63

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1935

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
3.	Alberta.....	\$ 1.15	42.	Bowden.....	3.60
7.	Edmonton.....	.10	53.	Strathmore.....	1.25
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	.25	58.	Chief Mountain..	.25
16.	Mountain View...	.75	60.	Acme.....	.35
19.	Cornerstone.....	.90	62.	Coal.....	.25
20.	Carstairs.....	4.66	64.	Bow Island.....	.30
27.	Apollo.....	.10	65.	Diamond City....	.50
29.	Kenilworth.....	.75	67.	Charity.....	.90
31.	Doric.....	2.20	69.	Connaught.....	.15
40.	Joppa.....	5.50	70.	Quarry.....	.50
41.	King Solomon....	.60	79.	Morning Star....	1 00

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
81.	Commercial.....	2.00	139.	Melrose.....	.45
84.	Champion.....	.10	140.	Big Valley.....	.60
88.	Wahpun.....	.35	141.	Efficiency.....	.15
91.	Patricia.....	3.65	144.	Gratton.....	.60
96.	Dynamic.....	.40		Masonic District No. 5.	.10
100.	Verdigris.....	9.60		Masonic District No. 11.	.10
105.	Grande Prairie....	30.90		Masonic District No. 12.	1.50
106.	Lake Saskatoon..	50		Masonic District No. 14.	1.45
107.	Carbon.....	.15		Masonic District No. 15.	3.00
133.	Manyberries.....	2.55			
135.	Alliance.....	2.40			
136.	Cresset.....	2.00			
			Total.....		
			\$ 88.56		

INTEREST ACCOUNT

As at January 31, 1935

Dominion, Provincial and Municipal Bonds, Benevolent Fund.....	\$2,360.93
Dominion Bonds, Relief Fund.....	140.23
	\$2,501 16

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, May 15th, 1935.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the fiscal period ended 31st January, 1935, and submit herewith the following statements:

BALANCE SHEET as at January 31st, 1935.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the fiscal period.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
of the General Fund, Relief and Benevolent Funds.

SCHEDULE showing the changes effected in the Benevolent
Capital Account and the Relief Fund Account during the year.

STATEMENT showing the par value and cost of the Bonds, with
the accrued Interest to date.

I have had submitted to me full and sufficient vouchers covering all expenditures which were duly authorized by the Finance Committee.

I attended at the Bank of Nova Scotia with members of the Finance Committee and examined the Securities held on behalf of the Benevolent and Relief Funds, and found same to be in order.

I certify the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true financial position of the Grand Lodge, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by their books.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM IRELAND,

Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet as at 31st, January, 1935

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
General Fund:		General Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 3,123.55	Balances due to Lodges.....	\$ 88.56
Balances due from Lodges.....	1,209.63	Unexpired Proportion of Life Member-	
Books, Stationery & Supplies. .\$.2,893.05		ships.....	850.89
Less amount written off Con-		Surplus Account:	
stitutions.....	276.00	Balance Feb. 1, 1934.....	\$9,438.43
Office Supplies on hand.....	2,617.05	Less amount written off Con-	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	331.77	stitutions.....	276.00
Regalia.....	2,280.60		
	885.00		\$9,162.43
	<u>\$ 10,447.60</u>	Plus excess of Income over	
Benevolent Fund:		Expenditure.....	345.72
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 12.91		<u>\$ 9,508.15</u>
Investment in Bonds (cost) (Par Value,			\$ 10,447.60
\$195,700.00).....	186,244.45	Benevolent Fund:	
Accrued Interest.....	2,360.93	Capital Account—	
	<u>\$188,618.20</u>	As per schedule attached.....	\$188,613.29
Relief Fund:		Relief Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 7,394.18	Surplus Account—	
Investment in Bonds (cost) (Par Value,		As per schedule attached.....	19,978.16
\$12,500.00).....	12,443.75	Trust Fund:	
Accrued Interest.....	140.23	Walton Trust Fund—	
	<u>\$ 19,978.16</u>	United Grand Lodge of England.....	125.24
Trust Fund:			
Walton Trust Fund—Balance in Bank	125.24		
of Nova Scotia.....			
	<u>\$219,169.29</u>		
			<u>\$219,169.29</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 Months ended 31st January, 1935

By Membership Fees.	\$ 8,673.00
Initiation Fees.	316.00
Certificate Fees.	509.00
Dispensations.	191.00
Life Membership Fees.	260.46
Supplies sold.	936.65
Regalia Sales.	347.00
Affiliation Fees.	126.00
	\$11,359.11
To Cost of Supplies Sold:	
Inventory, Feb. 1, 1934	\$3,022.62
Purchases.	544.72
	\$3,567.34
Less Inventory, Jan. 31, 1935.	2,893.05
	\$ 674.29
To Cost of Regalia Sales.	306.90
To Office Expense:	
Salaries.	\$5,000.00
Rent and Light.	1,140.00
Telephones and Telegrams.	123.32
Postage and Express.	230.15
Janitor Service.	153.00
Office Supplies and Expense.	73.89
General Expenses.	179.55
	\$6,899.91
To Printing.	\$1,211.94
Travelling and Grand Master's	
Expense.	973.85
Grand Lodge Expense.	380.30
Insurance.	142.00
Exchange.	52.25
Special Grants.	42.05
	\$2,802.39
To Depreciation:	
Furniture and Fixtures.	\$ 239.90
Regalia.	90.00
	\$ 329.90
	\$11,013.39
Excess of Income over Expenditure	
	\$ 345.72

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

As at 31st January, 1935

By Balance, Feb. 1, 1934.. .. .	\$188,193.89	
Affiliation Fees.. .. .	156 00	
Donations Canada Lodge Fund.. .. .	181.93	
Adjustment Accrued Interest.. .. .	443.20	
Interest on Savings Account.. .. .	7.93	
To Cost of Registering Bonds.. .. .	\$ 30.65	
Adjustment on Cost Price of Bonds Exchanged.. .. .	334.01	
To Balance	188,618.29	
	<u>\$188,982.95</u>	<u>\$188,982.95</u>

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

As at 31st January, 1935

By Balance, February 1, 1934	\$ 15,100.83	
Interest on Investments.. .. .	9,723.53	
Membership Dues.. .. .	6,195.00	
Refunds from Lodges.. .. .	160.00	
Interest on Savings Account.. .. .	48.48	
Donations Canada Lodge Fund.. .. .	2.27	
To Grants to Beneficiaries.. .. .	\$ 11,186.20	
Expenses of Committee.. .. .	65.75	
To Balance	19,978.16	
	<u>\$ 31,230.11</u>	<u>\$31,230.11</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1934, to January 31st, 1935

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1934.....	\$ 2,654.23
Receipts from Lodges.....	17,632.83
Transfer from Canada Lodge Fund Account.....	293.97

DISBURSEMENTS

By Salaries.....	\$5,000.00
Printing.....	1,211.94
Rent.....	1,140.00
Travelling & Grand Master's Expense...	973.85
Regalia.....	547.20
Books and Stationery.....	499.74
General Expense.....	405.83
Postage and Express.....	230.15
Grand Lodge Expense.....	212.00
Insurance.....	142.00
Telephones and Telegrams.....	123.32
Library Books.....	44.98
Exchange.....	59.45
	\$10,590.46
To Furniture and Fixtures, Edmonton.....	180.00
Special Grant.....	42.05
Transferred to Relief Fund.....	6,195.00
Transferred to Benevolent Fund.....	156.00
Cheques issued to Lodges refunding Donations made to Canada Lodge Fund.....	293.97
To Balance in Bank.....	3,123.55
	\$20,581.03

\$20,581.03

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

From February 1st, 1934, to January 31st, 1935

BENEVOLENT FUND

To Balance in Bank, Feb. 1, 1934.....	\$ 1,951.71	
Cash received from Bond transactions.....	433.93	
Donations from Canada Lodge Fund.....	181.93	
Affiliation Fees.....	156.00	
Interest on Savings Account.....	7.93	
By Bonds Purchased.....		\$ 2,687.94
Cost of Registering Bonds.....		30.75
Balance in Bank.....		12.91
	<u>\$ 2,731.50</u>	<u>\$2,731.50</u>

RELIEF FUND

To Balance in Bank, Feb. 1, 1934.....	\$ 7,612.02	
Interest on Bonds.....	9,740.48	
Membership Dues.....	6,195.00	
Receipts from Lodges on Account of Beneficiaries.....	417.69	
Refunds from Lodges.....	160.00	
Interest on Savings Account.....	48.48	
Donations from Canada Lodge Fund.....	2.27	
By Grants to Beneficiaries.....		\$11,603.89
Bonds Purchased.....		5,112.12
Expenses of the Committee.....		65.75
Balance in Bank.....		7,394.18
	<u>\$24,175.94</u>	<u>\$24,175.94</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT
 As at 31st January, 1935

Benevolent Fund

		<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Interest Accrued</i>
Dominion of Canada:				
October 15th, 1943	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 16.27
October 15th, 1944	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	100.00	100.00	1.33
November 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1,975.00	22.44
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	8,000.00	7,851.25	89.76
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,500.00	1,507.50	16.83
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	493.25	5.60
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,500.00	1,566.00	16.82
November 1st, 1958	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,000.00	1,086.00	11.22
		\$ 15,700.00	\$ 15,649.00	\$ 180.27
Province of Alberta:				
January 1st, 1948	5 %	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,543.00	\$ 73.96
January 1st, 1948	5 %	10,000.00	9,300.00	41.09
October 15th, 1954	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	13,000.00	12,545.00	173.10
October 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	5,062.50	75.20
October 1st, 1958	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1,787.60	30.08
October 1st, 1959	5 %	3,000.00	2,681.40	50.13
May 1st, 1960	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	3,912.50	56.09
June 1st, 1967	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	24,000.00	23,734.70	180.50
October 1st, 1959	5 %	2,000.00	1,870.00	33.42
May 1st, 1960	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	480.00	5.61
September 1st, 1955	5 %	38,500.00	37,710.75	801.64
		\$121,000.00	\$116,627.45	\$1,520.82
City of Calgary:				
June 2nd, 1944	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 63.28
June 15th, 1945	5 %	2,000.00	1,990.00	12.87
March 12th, 1945	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1,380.00	34.76
December 1st, 1951	6 %	1,000.00	805.00	10.02
June 2nd, 1944	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	4,137.50	45.20
March 31st, 1954	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	4,000.00	3,580.00	74.13
January 1st, 1954	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	10,000.00	9,075.00	45.20
January 1st, 1954	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	9,000.00	8,302.50	40.68
		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,870.00	\$ 326.14
City of Edmonton:				
March 1st, 1944	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,075.60	\$ 68.71
November 1st, 1945	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	2,054.00	27.42
April 1st, 1947	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,000.00	1,028.40	18.53
April 1st, 1960	5 %	13,000.00	12,940.00	219.04
		\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,098.00	\$ 333.70
Total Bonds.....		\$195,700.00	\$186,244.45	\$2,360.93

Relief Fund

Dominion of Canada:				
November 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,937.50	\$ 56.09
November 1st, 1958	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,500.00	2,466.25	28.05
November 1st, 1958	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	5,040.00	56.09
		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,443.75	\$ 140.23

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), "That the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

Calgary, June 12, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present the Annual Report as Grand Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

When in Regina I purchased the following books from M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate, who said that they would form the nucleus of any lodge library, and I believe it would be of value to any lodge establishing a library to examine them.

1. The Arcana of Free masonry.—*Churchward.*
2. Freemasonry, What, Whence, Why, Whither.—*Cockburn.*
3. An Examination of the Masonic Ritual.—*Sanderson.*
4. The Hiramic Tradition.—*Covey Crump.*
5. English Freemasonry in Its Period or Transition (1600-1700)—*Castells.*
6. The Meaning of Masonry.—*Wilmhurst.*
7. Introduction to Freemasonry.—*Claudy.*
8. These Men were Masons.—*Amphill.*

They have been placed in the Grand Lodge Library and can be inspected at any time.

I would recommend that the same appropriation be made again this year for the Grand Lodge Reference Library.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Calgary, June 11, 1935.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of Grand Lodge:

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, immediately following the closing of Grand Lodge

on Thursday, June 14th, 1934, a full quorum being present, with the Deputy Grand Master in the chair.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect a Vice-President and to appoint the various members of the Board to the different Standing Committees thereof. R. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay, Senior Grand Warden, was elected Vice-President and it was resolved that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to appoint the various members of the Standing Committees and that thereafter the said Committees elect their respective Chairman.

The Board then adjourned until the day preceding the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, except in case of emergency at the call of the Grand Master, or the President of the Board.

The Board again convened in the Board Room, Masonic Temple, Calgary, at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 11th, 1935, the Deputy Grand Master in the chair and a full quorum present.

Several matters requiring attention of the Board were submitted to the appropriate standing committees for consideration and report.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was received and approved. The report will be presented to Grand Lodge.

In the matter of the surrender of the Charter of Clive Lodge, it was decided that the Grand Master appoint a representative to go to Clive and go into the matter fully and report to the Grand Master in connection therewith. The issuing of the Certificates of Standing was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which will report thereon.

In the matter of Northland Lodge, it was decided to submit it to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, which will report.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Thomson, that flowers and a letter be sent to all widows of Past Grand Masters on the occasion of the meetings of Grand Lodge.

The Board adjourned to meet again at 4:00 p.m.

When it reconvened the reports of the undermentioned Standing Committees were carefully considered and received the approval of the Board:

The Committee on Jurisprudence,
The Committee on Grievances and Appeals,
The Committee on the Condition of Masonry,
The Committee on Finance,
The Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence,
The Committee on Masonic Research and Education,
The Committee on Charters and New Lodges,

Faternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY,

President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Calgary, June 12, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The depression of the past five years still continues and it is therefore with thankfulness that we are able to present Statements showing financial progress during the past year.

An audit of the books and accounts of Grand Lodge has been regularly made throughout the year by the Grand Lodge Auditor, whose Report has been presented to you. Your committee has held regularly monthly meetings during the year at which all matters under its jurisdiction had careful consideration. All accounts were carefully examined before payment was authorized, and the strictest economy was practised.

We submit for your consideration the following Financial Statements, printed copies of which have been distributed to you:

Balance Sheet as at January 31st, 1935.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 12 months ending January 31st, 1935, of the General Fund, Relief Fund and Capital Benevolent Fund.

A detailed Statement of Investments.

Balance Sheet: The Balance Sheet continues to show Grand Lodge to be in excellent financial position. 96.65 per cent of our assets are in liquid form, 4.80 per cent being in cash, 91.85 per cent in Bonds of the Dominion of Canada, Province of Alberta and the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton. Total assets amount to \$219,044.05, an increase for the year of \$4,861.63. We have no liabilities to the public.

Assets—Cash in Bank \$10,530.64: Any surplus cash in the several accounts is invested from time to time in Dominion Government Bonds. Since the date of the Balance Sheet, January 31st, 1935, \$5,000.00 has been so invested for the Relief Fund.

Balances Due from Lodges, \$1,209.63: This item shows an increase of \$128.23 over the amount due a year ago. Since the end of our year \$352.70 of the amount outstanding has been paid, reducing the unpaid balances to \$856.93 at this date. There were 83 balances outstanding, of which one is \$339.74. This lodge paid its dues for the past year and reduced its old indebtedness \$14.91. One \$140.20 (since paid); five between \$70.00 and \$90.00; two between \$25.00 and \$50.00; two between \$15.00 and \$25.00; six between \$10.00 and \$15.00; nine between \$5.00 and \$10.00; thirty-three between \$1.00 and \$5.00, and twenty-four less than \$1.00. In view of the prevailing financial conditions we consider that the amount due from lodges should be considered reasonably satisfactory.

The total payments received from lodges during the year amounted to \$17,632.83, a reduction of \$1,694.48 as compared with last year. This reduction is largely due to reduced membership and economy in the purchase of supplies.

Books, Stationery and Supplies, \$2,893.05: Compared with the previous year the inventory shows a reduction of \$495.57. \$276.00 has again been written off the value of Constitutions on hand in accordance with instruction of Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in 1932; that in anticipation of an issue of a new Constitution, and copies at present on hand becoming obsolete, one third of the value of these be written off each year. The value of copies on hand is therefore now entirely written off.

Profits for the year from the sale of books, stationery and supplies amounted to \$262.36 and profit from the sale of Regalia \$40.10.

Office Supplies, \$331.77: consist of books, forms and stationery for the general use of Grand Lodge. The amount of this asset a year ago was \$332.38.

Furniture and Fixtures, \$2,280.60: A decrease of \$59.90 is shown in this item. \$180.00 was expended during the year for the extension of book cases for the Grand Lodge Library in the Central Masonic Temple at Edmonton, and \$239.90 (10 per cent) was written off for depreciation.

Regalia, \$885.00: One new set of regalia was purchased during the year for the Grand Tyler, at a cost of \$72.00. \$90.00 (10 per cent) has been written off for depreciation.

Investments, \$198,688.20: Investments show an increase of \$6,960.00 for the year and are made up of Bonds; Dominion of Canada \$28,200.00; Province of Alberta \$121,000.00; City of Calgary \$40,000.00 and City of Edmonton \$19,000.00. They are shown on the Balance Sheet at cost. The par value is \$208,200.00; the market value as at May 31st, 1935, was \$196,718.12. A detailed statement of these investments, showing maturities, par value and cost, has been distributed to you.

The interest return on the cost of our investments for the year was 5.149 per cent. This return should be considered very satisfactory considering the high class of our investments. We would point out, however, that definite efforts will likely be made at an early date for a reduction of interest on Government and Municipal Bonds to around 3 per cent, and if successful our investment income will be materially reduced.

The securities of Grand Lodge have been checked by the Chairman and two members of the finance Committee regularly every three months and a Certificate of such inspection signed by the Examining Members is forwarded to the M. W. Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes and presented to the next following meeting of the Finance Committee. All Bonds are registered in the name of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. as to principal and \$17,500.00 Dominion of Canada Bonds registered as to principal and interest.

During the year \$38,500.00 Province of Alberta 5% Bonds, \$17,500.00 of which mature in 1940 and \$21,000.00 in 1943 were exchanged at a profit to Grand Lodge for \$38,500.00 Province of Alberta 5% Bonds maturing 1955, thus extending the maturities 15 and 12 years for the respective amounts. Province of Alberta 4% Bond \$486.66, maturing

1938, was exchanged for Province of Alberta 4% Bond \$500.00 maturing 1960, thus extending maturity for a further period of 22 years.

Accrued Interest \$2,501.16: This item represents interest coupons which have since matured and have been paid.

Walton Trust Fund \$125.24. The balance of a donation of \$300.00 sent to R. W. Grand Secretary by the United Grand Lodge of England to be paid out as required to the widow of a brother of their jurisdiction. This donation has been on deposit in our bank in a Special Trust Account in the name of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. Walton Trust Account, and is being disbursed by the R. W. Grand Secretary as required. A contra liability for this amount appeared on the Balance Sheet.

Liabilities: Balances due to Lodges \$88.56: This item is made up of 43 small current balances. The amount outstanding is approximately the same as shown in last year's Balance Sheet.

Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships \$850.89: We would again point out that this reserve is entirely inadequate and again recommend that a Special Committee be appointed to fully investigate Life Membership fees and forward their recommendations to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution. During the year 54 Life Memberships were registered, as compared with 61 for the previous year, making 514 Life Memberships outstanding as at December 31st, 1934.

Surplus Account \$9,508.15: An operating surplus of \$345.72 has been added to this account and \$276.00 written off the value of the copies of the Constitution on hand as instructed by Grand Lodge, leaving a net addition of \$69.72.

Benevolent Fund Capital Account \$188,618.29: This account shows an increase of \$424.40. The details are fully given in the Statement of the Account which has been distributed to you.

Relief Fund Surplus Account: Additions to this fund during the year amounted to \$4,977.33, particulars of which are referred to elsewhere in this report.

Revenue and Expenditure, General Fund: We are pleased to report a surplus of Income over Expenditure of \$345.72 compared with \$43.03 for the previous year.

Revenue General Fund: Total general revenue amounted to \$11,359.11, a reduction of \$737.67 compared with the previous year. There was a decrease in membership of 473 and membership fees show a reduction of \$369.00. Other revenues show a decrease of \$368.67, there being a reduction in all items except Life Membership fees and Affiliation fees, which show increases of \$19.00 and \$24.00 respectively.

Expenditure General Fund: Expenditure shows a decrease of \$923.61 as compared with the previous year. We would point out, however, that a decrease of \$1,057.95 in Special Grants more than covers this amount so that our ordinary expenditure was actually \$134.34 more than last year. There were increases in the following:

Office Expenditure.....	\$ 82.65
Printing.....	127.06
Grand Lodge Expenses.....	70.31

Insurance...	66.00
Exchange.....	1.40
Depreciation.....	8.10

There were decreases in the following:

Travelling and Grand Master's Expenses.....	\$ 221.18
Special Grants.....	1,057.95

These details show that our General Fund revenues are very little more than covering our ordinary requirements and that no funds are available for any special payments or for activities that should be undertaken. We would also point out that if our membership continues to decline as it has done for the past three years our general revenues will correspondingly decline and a deficit may have to be faced.

Pending the receipt of Dues from lodges we were obliged to borrow \$1,000.00 from the Relief Fund, under authority of a resolution of Grand Lodge passed at the last Annual Communication. This amount was repaid before the end of the year.

Revenue Benevolent Fund: There were donations made by several lodges from Canada Lodge Fund of \$181.93. Surplus cash in this fund was invested in Dominion Government Bonds. The per capita of 50¢ for this fund was suspended during the year.

Revenue Relief Fund: Total revenue amounted to \$16,563.92, a reduction of \$142.88 compared with the previous year.

Grants to beneficiaries amounted to \$11,603.89, an increase of \$278.00. There remained a surplus of \$19,978.16 in the account, which is an increase of \$4,877.33 for the year. While this surplus appears large yet we would point out the probability of our investment revenue being substantially reduced; also increased relief payments.

As authorized by Grand Lodge, your committee replaced one set of regalia during the year. We recommend that the authority given your committee in this matter be continued for another year.

The contract for printing the Annual Proceedings was awarded to the Albertan Job Press Ltd., Calgary, who submitted the most favorable tender.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed Auditor for the current year and that he be paid the sum of \$300.00 for his services during the past year.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding, Grand Tyler, be paid \$20.00 and travelling expenses for his services at this communication of Grand Lodge.

At the last Annual Communication an appropriation of \$200.00 was made to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education. \$47.64 of this appropriation was spent during the year and as the appropriation has now expired we recommend that a new appropriation of \$200.00 be made for the coming year.

An appropriation of \$50.00 was also made to the Grand Lodge Library at Calgary. \$13.15 of this appropriation was spent and as this appropriation has also expired we recommend that a new appropriation of \$50.00 be made for the coming year.

In view of prevailing financial conditions, we again recommend that the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow up to \$2,000.00, as required, from the Relief Fund, for the purposes of the General Fund.

The following recommendations, made in the Annual Address of the M. W. Grand Master, which would affect the finances of Grand Lodge, have been referred to your committee for consideration and a report thereon:

1. The sending of a delegate to the Bi-Centennary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland in November, 1936.

2. Paying expenses of D.D.G.M.'s for an additional day after the close of Grand Lodge for the purpose of consultation and instruction.

3. The publishing of a Grand Lodge Bulletin.

4. The increasing of Grand Lodge office staff.

5. The charging of a reasonable share of the Office Expenses to the Relief Fund.

1. If the sending of a representative to attend the Bi-Centennary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland is approved by Grand Lodge recommend that \$800.00 be appropriated for the purpose, of which \$400.00 be charged to the year 1935 and \$400.00 to the year 1936.

2. We believe that the meeting suggested would be beneficial to the Craft and recommend that when such meeting is held \$5.00 for an additional day after the close of Grand Lodge be paid to each District Deputy Grand Master who attends.

3. We consider that the issuing of a Grand Lodge Bulletin very desirable and that it would be most beneficial to the Craft. We recommend the estimated appropriation of \$135.00 for the purpose.

4. We consider that the activities of Grand Lodge are retarded in several directions owing to the limited staff in the Grand Lodge Office, making it necessary for the R. W. Grand Secretary to employ a large portion of his time in routine work which should be done by the office staff. We recommend that the Finance Committee be authorized to employ what additional staff may be required, when so requested by the R. W. Grand Secretary and that an appropriation not exceeding \$500.00 be made for the purpose.

5. We have given careful consideration to the suggestion of charging a part of the Office expenses to the Relief Fund. Our investigations show that approximately 20 per cent of the time of the R. W. Grand Secretary and his office staff is employed in connection with Relief payments, and the many details consequent thereto. We do not think, however, that it would be advisable at this time to charge the cost of Relief administration to the Relief Fund, but we would recommend that the per capita payments for the General Fund and Relief Fund, which are at present 70 cents for the General Fund and 50 cents for the Relief Fund, be adjusted to 80 cents for the General and 40 cents for the Relief Fund, and that we continue to pay the cost of the Relief Administration out of the General Fund. This adjustment would increase the General Fund Revenues somewhat over \$1,200.00 per annum on

the basis of our present membership. This increase of \$1,200.00 in our General Revenue is approximately 20 per cent of our Office expenses and would provide for the recommended appropriations.

If this recommendation is approved, and pending the necessary Notice of Motion which would have to come before the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, we recommend that the sum of \$1,200.00 for the current year be transferred from the Relief Fund to the General Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Calgary, June 12, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry within the confines of the Grand Lodge of Alberta are privileged to again present for your consideration and reflection the annual report.

Early in the year the M. W. Grand Master had prepared a new and comprehensive form of report for the District Deputy Grand Masters. These reports cover almost every phase of the work of the constituent lodges. From a careful study of the excellent statements submitted by the representatives of our Grand Master, and by personal observation, we might point out that Masonry within our jurisdiction gives tangible proof that the trend in the lodges is for action rather than theory. Deeds always over-balance words and actual practice speaks more plainly than the fairest profession. Concrete expression of human love and affection abound and as evidence of this, the lodges of this Grand Body during the year placed on the Altar of Masonic Service the splendid sum of \$11,083.85.

It has been a year full of conscientious service, of sincere endeavor to meet and solve the problems of the present, and to lay plans for the development of the future. The reports of the District Deputies provide information of an illuminative character and may fairly be taken as a safe intimation of the conditions obtaining in the seventeen districts which comprise this Grand Jurisdiction.

We close the year with a reduction in membership of 473 or 3.62 per cent. This is somewhat less than that of the previous year. This loss was primarily due to the policy of suspending those who, though able, failed to pay their dues. There is nothing disheartening about

this, and we may find that a further pruning to rid ourselves of this useless material can be safely made. Every attempt should be made to keep those in good standing who are active and sympathetic Masons, but who during these days are daily sinking into the sere and yellow leaf of old age or perhaps from circumstances of unforeseen misfortune and calamity are being reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and distress. These brethren should be maintained. The general condition of the Fraternity throughout the province is good. There is a very strong desire on the part of our membership to retain their affiliations. There still continues an excellent spirit among the membership throughout the jurisdiction.

The delinquent brother should be dealt with in one of three ways: By having him pay in full, by remitting his back dues, or by suspension. By statistics further in this report it will be found that many of our lodges have measurably reduced the number of those who are in arrears; much of this reduction we fear has been through the suspension channel. The aggregate amount of arrearages has also been decreased.

While we have under review the question of delinquent members, we must not fail to remember that too free admission of candidates is often the cause of much of our trouble, and one feels that proper precautions were not taken, resulting in frequent dimits and suspensions of those who should never have entered. It would appear that many miss the real objective of Masonry—"Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth"—but instead of extending relief to others, look to Masonry to help them in their personal and selfish motives. We need some good constructive work and perhaps education in the attitude that dues are a "form of debt of honor," to be paid if possible.

The reception into our ranks of new initiates emphasizes and forcibly impresses upon us the need for a serious realization of our responsibilities, which become greater and more complex with each succeeding year. If Masonry is to profit by the inception of these men into our lodges it is clearly our bounden duty to direct the newly joined into that pathway which leads to real brotherhood.

Your committee considers that the most important part of our work is not ritualistic, but educative. The Committee on Research and Education has done splendid work, but those who are directing our study along these lines should be given opportunities to personally present their programme to groups of lodges, at District Meetings or other Masonic functions where larger bodies of Masons congregate. Up to now this part of the work of the committee has been partially neglected. We would enjoin on the incoming District Deputies that this portion of our programme be emphasized during the coming year. The work of this committee is not easy and the planned programmes sent out do not always obtain the reception they should receive. The Chairman of this committee has been sometimes disappointed, but he can be assured that his work is fully appreciated by his brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

"Study the past if you would divine the future," wrote the old Chinese philosopher. It is sometimes well to sit and retrospect and ponder upon the things of the past. If we will but turn back the pages in the ebb and flow of Masonry during the last fifty years, there will be found food and sustenance necessary for the wholesome development of our aims and objects.

The following recommendation from a number of District Deputy Grand Masters is worth consideration:

"That each lodge in every district appoint a committee to arrange when possible to be represented on the occasion of the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master to any of the lodges. In this way make a real meeting with a programme of Research to be arranged which would promote Masonic Education and Interest."

We commend this to all lodges.

The District Deputy Grand Master of No. 2 District submits the following recommendation:

"That practical consideration be given to the establishment of a definite objective in which each Alberta Mason will participate; or the starting of a fund to provide for the higher Education of the orphans and children of less fortunate Masons in the way of Scholarships or a Masonic College."

This matter was discussed in 1929 at the Lethbridge Communication. The matter could be brought before Grand Lodge by Notice of Motion.

The Constitution provides and insists on an audit of all moneys received and paid out by a lodge. We would recommend that a copy of the financial statement of each lodge shall be placed in the hands of the District Deputy Grand Master not later than February 15th of each year. This statement shall show the standing of the lodge up to December 31st of the previous year, a form of financial report to be provided by Grand Lodge.

Schemes and devices, which under better conditions would not be considered, are now given attention in frantic efforts to raise money not only for buildings but Masonic purposes also. As this report is being prepared there comes a complaint that one lodge raises its benevolent fund by lotteries and raffles, the tickets being sold to the public. This is not the Masonic way of raising a lodge benevolent fund and is condemned.

The matter of the lodge not holding regular communications being referred to this committee, we would recommend that it be referred to the incoming Grand Master to take such action as the situation demands.

STATISTICS

Membership, December 31st, 1933.....	13,057		
Membership, December 31st, 1934.....	12,584		
Decrease.....	473	or 3.62%	
	1933	1934	Decrease
City lodges.....	6,315	6,035	280 or 4.43%
Rural lodges.....	6,742	6,549	193 or 2.86%
100 lodges show a net decrease of.....			536
33 lodges show a net gain of.....			63
24 lodges show neither a gain nor loss.			
2 lodges show a membership of over.....			300
9 lodges show a membership of.....			200 to 300

9 lodges show a membership of 150 to 200
 17 lodges show a membership of 100 to 150
 53 lodges show a membership of 50 to 100
 67 lodges show a membership under 50

Fees Charged for Initiation

1 lodge	\$150.00
12 lodges	100.00
28 lodges	75.00
15 lodges	65.00
14 lodges	60.00
1 lodge	55.00
74 lodges	50.00
2 lodges	45.00
8 lodges	40.00

56 lodges do not charge affiliation fees although each lodge pays to Grand Lodge for registration.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ARREARAGES OF DUES FOR THE YEARS 1933 AND 1934

Dist. No.	Percentage of Members in Arrears		Total Arrears	Percentage 1933 Compared With 1932		Total Arrears	Percentage 1934 Compared With 1933	
	1933	1934	1933	Inc.	Dec.	1934	Inc.	Dec.
1	30.94%	31.40%	\$12,082.83	7.27%		\$12,269.70	1.54%	
2	23.45%	24.76%	2,971.25	23.72%		2,331.00		21.92%
3	40.15%	38.57%	6,137.03	31.18%		4,798.10		21.80%
4	38.10%	40.98%	5,995.54	23.77%		5,246.66		12.19%
5	48.60%	47.32%	3,427.65	6.79%		3,544.80	3.31%	
6	50.50%	36.46%	4,643.80	43.47%		3,278.55		29.39%
7	39.40%	34.9%	4,363.10	14.80%		3,248.05		24.73%
8	35.00%	38.10%	3,122.75	5.11%		2,670.25		14.50%
9	43.60%	36.78%	3,899.15	32.54%		2,368.66		39.25%
10	43.50%	46.31%	6,127.40	3.25%		6,417.57	4.73%	
11	46.99%	52.35%	3,938.00	15.02%		4,084.90	3.70%	
12	43.35%	38.46%	7,690.59	24.68%		7,781.60	1.19%	
13	43.00%	43.2%	2,798.81	5.19%		2,745.18		1.9%
14	42.95%	50.47%	2,037.35	8.45%		2,099.20	3.03%	
15	34.30%	35.35%	2,471.50		29.30%	2,398.45		2.9%
16	35.20%	44.58%	2,140.60	32.03%		2,439.60	13.92%	
17	37.80%	27.67%	2,018.00	23.63%		1,449.22		28.14%
	38.10%	37.64%	\$75,865.35	14.47%		\$69,207.49		8.78%

The untiring efforts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters have enabled your committee to obtain a fairly accurate picture of present conditions in this jurisdiction.

The zeal and efficiency, displayed by the distinguished brethren who have been the Deputies of our Grand Master in the various dis-

tricts, have been of a high order. Every lodge in the province has been visited, and many times under difficult conditions and with much inconvenience. We wish to compliment our district officers, and recognize the faithful discharge of these duties, by recommending that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following:

William Noble (118)	Jesse Ruttan (72)
H. Norman Davis (2)	Walter N. Crooks (38)
John Thomson (68)	Frederick J. Whitmarsh (49)
Charles R. Bunn (29)	Frederick W. Burton (92)
Charles B. Sarjeant (62)	John O. Patterson (105)
Max E. Malchow (33)	Edward A. Cavanaugh (132)
George O. Brownlee (103)	Judson B. Snyder (66)
Grier Rider Davis (3)	Stanley F. Torrance (107)
Thomas J. Chavasse (102)	

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Calgary, June 12, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes referred the question of issuing Certificates of Standing to the members of Clive Lodge, No. 121, due to the surrender of the charter, and after reviewing the whole situation your committee decided that as the proceedings of the lodge appear to be in accordance with the Constitution, Certificates of Good Standing should be issued on application to the Grand Secretary.

Your committee have carefully considered Section 15, headed "Dispensations" in the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, and beg to concur in his action.

With reference to the first paragraph of Section 16 of his address, under "Rulings and Decisions," your committee recommends that Sections 161 and 195 of the Constitution be referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, so that they may be made to harmonise, and that Sections 196 and 213 of the Constitution, referred to in the third paragraph, be clarified when revised by this committee. Your committee agree with the rulings given in the second and fourth paragraphs.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MARTLAND,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Calgary, June 11, 1935

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We join with our Grand Master in loyal recognition of the jubilee of our King and Queen. The Royal connection with our Order is so deep and real that Freemasons are second to none in devotion to these princely brethren who are so active in the affairs of the Mother Grand Lodge.

We observe the comment of our Grand Master on the forthcoming Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. So many of our brethren derive their Masonry from this ancient Grand Lodge that we agree with the Grand Master that Alberta should be represented during the celebrations in 1936. We further concur in the suggestion and recommend that the necessary appropriation be provided, one half to be set aside in the current year and the other half during next year.

We note with interest the International Goodwill ceremonial to be conducted by the Grand Lodge of Iowa and feel gratified that Alberta will be represented among the sister jurisdictions.

We consider the meeting of Grand Officers of the three Prairie jurisdictions a significant event and one which should be considered for recognition as a regular meeting at stated intervals. We suggest that if such a plan were adopted, British Columbia should be invited to participate.

We concur with the Grand Master in the suggestion that uniformity of practice in the Western jurisdictions is desirable.

We are particularly pleased with the efforts of the Grand Master in his work for the good and welfare of the smaller lodges. While perhaps nothing new has been attempted much of the work of the Craft has been explained and expanded in such a way by the Grand Master that general good cannot fail to accrue.

We note with satisfaction the restoration of a warrant, but with regret, albeit sympathetic understanding, the surrender of another.

We specially commend the Grand Master for his intensive survey of the work, progress and conditions of the subordinate lodges and especially commend to the attention of the officers and members of these lodges his comments on the result of that survey.

We concur in the recommendation that the Grand Lodge of Alberta formally claim Masonic jurisdiction over all that part of the North West Territories lying west of the 4th Meridian of longitude.

We do not concur in the second recommendation regarding the interpretation of a constitutional clause to permit of the opening of a lodge at an emergent meeting to the highest degree in which work is to be performed and closing in the same degree.

We agree that a suitable form for the preparation of annual financial statements might be beneficial.

We do not consider it advisable to retain D.D.G.M.'s an additional day following the session of Grand Lodge, believing that candidates for the office of D.D.G.M. should be sufficiently versed in the work of that office to permit of all the necessary instruction being given at a brief session at the close of Grand Lodge.

We consider that the traditional term is "Worshipful Master" and this should remain.

We concur in recommendations Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

We concur in recommendation No. 15 if this is possible.

On the sections of the Grand Master's address which he suggests should be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, we are making no comment.

Your committee desires to tender to the Grand Master our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations on his address which we consider to be the most constructive contribution to the progress of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, which it has been our privilege to review in many years. The address, we believe, reflects the intense application of the Grand Master in the performance of the duties of his honored office.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Calgary, June 12, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We, your Committee on Benevolence, beg to submit the report of our activities for the past year, which we trust will meet with your approbation.

The Financial Statement shows that for the fiscal period last we spent the sum of \$11,091.95, an amount which compares favorably with past years but which by no means expresses the value of the assistance rendered to our unfortunate brethren and their dependents, for we know that this cannot be stated in figures. But we do know that we have given joy to many homes darkened by despair and anxiety, thus easing their burdens and bringing about a peace of mind that enables them to meet their difficulties with greater courage.

While essentially not a Benefit Organization, Masonry in our benevolent work is justifying her existence, and we, as Masons, should feel a sense of pride in bringing happiness into the lives of those in difficult circumstances.

Some of the cases dealt with during the past year are worthy of mention, and we would draw your attention to these in order that you may more fully apprehend the work of the committee.

(a) Bro. H., who had been a beneficiary of his lodge and Grand Lodge for some considerable time, was suffering from a wasting disease, and passed away during the year. His wife, by her thrift and energy had saved a little money against the inevitable end, and with some assistance from the lodge was able to pay the funeral expenses. Her heart was full of gratitude, when she called at the Grand Lodge office, for all that had been done for her, and she was ready to forego any further claim on our fund in order that other unfortunate brethren might enjoy the benefits which they had had. It is in cases such as this that your committee feel it is a privilege to themselves and an honor to the Craft to be able to assist.

(b) Mrs. C., an elderly widow of one of our brethren, had gone to England to spend the evening of her days. Our attention was drawn to the fact that she was in difficult circumstances, and through the kindly offices of W. Bro. R. J. Dawes, Honorary Secretary of the Southampton Masonic Benevolent Association, England, arrangements were made to have this widow admitted to one of the Thorner's Homes in that city. W. Bro. Dawes had made contact with our M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, when attending the Dedication of the Peace Memorial Temple in London, and by reason of this had a special interest in one who was a dependent of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

(c) Misses D. and B. were daughters of two deceased brethren of lodges in the City of Calgary. Miss B. had been left in infancy in an Institution in Calgary and was more or less adopted by Miss D's father. Miss D., after her father's death, undertook to bring up the girl, and by strict self denial succeeded in doing so; but with the coming of the depression Miss D. lost her job and for a while endeavored to carry on until her resources were exhausted. Both having relations in the Old Land, whom, it was understood, would take care of them, assistance was given them to go to Scotland. Some time later, word was received through the Grand Lodge of Scotland that they were in destitute circumstances. Miss D. had obtained work, but the pay was such that it was not sufficient for one, far less two, to live on. Miss B. was not old enough, nor was her school grade standing sufficient to obtain employment in Scotland, neither could she be enrolled in the schools there. Thus she was gradually becoming discouraged by reason of enforced idleness and lack of any prospect. The committee, being informed of the circumstances by R. W. Bro. P. Ferguson, a member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who had been in close touch with the situation, after careful consideration and further investigation, decided to bring Miss B. back to Calgary and give her an opportunity to continue her education so that she might eventually become self-supporting. At the present time she is attending Mount Royal College, where she has made satisfactory progress. To M. W. Bro. Dr. Kerby and his staff our thanks are due for the interest taken in this case.

Our committee have endeavored to express their appreciation to R. W. Bro. P. Ferguson, who besides being a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, is Treasurer for the Benevolent Fund of his Provincial Grand Lodge, for his assistance and untiring efforts in this case.

The committee also wish to place on record and to express their gratitude for the Medical Services rendered, without cost, to two of our brethren resident in the City of Victoria, by W. Bro. Thomas Miller, M.D.

Your committee would draw to the attention of the lodges the necessity of giving full and complete information in filling out the application forms and especially to state what, in their opinion, is necessary to meet the requirements of the case. The committee is dependent on the information supplied to enable them to do justice in each case, and where a lodge is unable to render monetary assistance, we ask them to be frank with the committee and state all the facts. It is often exceedingly difficult for members of the committee to obtain full information from beneficiaries direct. A case in point was that of a widow last year, who was completely destitute and seemed unable to disclose to strangers the full extent of her desperate situation. Her inability to do so was due to a perhaps natural pride and shrinking from, what was to her, humiliation, resulting in misunderstanding that almost lead to her losing the assistance being made available. However, by patient investigation a friend was found who helped to clear up the situation. A full explanation with the report from the lodge would have avoided all difficulty.

The committee is aware that a great deal of assistance is rendered to the brethren by the lodges in the way of services and in kind on which no monetary value is placed. We would like to be able to appraise this laudable work and in future would ask lodges when reporting on their benevolent work to state what has been done in this manner.

May we be permitted to draw to the attention of the lodges their responsibility in the matter of Masonic Charity. A case came to the attention of the committee of a widow of one of our brethren who was in need of assistance, and when the matter was referred to the lodge they neglected to measure up to their responsibilities, either by assisting themselves, or if they were unable, requesting Grand Lodge to do so. The committee made careful investigation and believes that this widow should have some assistance, and it is hoped that when the lodge thoroughly understands the situation they will remember their Masonic obligation. The attitude of this lodge is not Masonry, as your committee sees it, and while there are not many cases of this type, yet inasmuch as one exists we feel it should be brought to your attention as it is unworthy of the high traditions of our Craft.

To the Masonic Boards of Relief and those brethren who have assisted the committee during the past year, we express our most grateful thanks.

The committee wish to go on record as approving the recommendation of the committee on Finance, changing the per capita tax from 50c to 40c for the Relief Fund.

Faternally submitted,

WM IRELAND,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (85), "That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

February 1st, 1934, to January 31st, 1935

Bro. W. A. A. Ill with heart trouble. Grant of \$50.00.
 Mrs. A. A. Aged widow. Grant of \$120.00.
 Bro. A. A. Wife seriously ill. Grant of \$285.00.
 Mrs. W. A. Widow in distressed circumstances. Grant of \$25.00.
 Mrs. W. B. Widow in distress. Temporary grant \$50.00.
 Mrs. C. B. Widow without means. Grant of \$100.00.
 Mrs. S. E. B. Widow without means. Grant of \$230.61.
 Bro. J. B. Unable to work. Chronic disease. Five children. Grant of \$120.00.
 Bro. L. D. B. Chronic disability. Grant of \$225.00.
 Mrs. A. B. Widow with two children. Grant of \$180.00.
 Mrs. C. C. Widow without means. Grant of \$240.00.
 Mrs. T. C. Aged widow without means. Grant of \$155.00.
 Mrs. L. J. C. Widow in distress. Grant of \$50.00.
 Bro. H. T. C. Widower with incurable disease. Grant of \$120.00.
 Mrs. E. F. C. Temporary grant of \$12.50.
 Two orphan children of late Bro. J. C. Grant of \$120.00.
 Bro. M. C. Heart trouble. Unable to work. Grant of \$225.00.
 Mrs. A. B. C. Widow without means. Grant of \$95.70.
 Mrs. M. D. Widow without means. Grant of \$240.00.
 Mrs. H. D. Widow without means. Grant of \$65.00.
 Mrs. J. H. D. Aged widow. Grant of \$125.00.
 Mrs. W. D. Aged widow. Grant of \$70.00.
 Mrs. D. Aged widow. Grant of \$120.00.
 Misses D. & B. Orphan daughters of two members. Grant of \$735.10.
 Mrs. W. E. Aged widow. Grant of \$30.00.
 Bro. A. W. E. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$60.00.
 Bro. A. F. F. Chronic illness. Invalid wife and sick daughter. Grant of \$420.00.
 Mrs. E. J. F. Aged blind widow. Grant of \$300.00.
 Mrs. L. M. F. Widow with one daughter, without means. Grant of \$170.00.
 Bro. T. W. F. Permanently disabled. Grant of \$305.00.
 Bro. J. H. F. Incapacitated by illness. Grant of \$125.00.
 Mrs. R. G. Widow and two children. Grant of \$305.00.
 Bro. C. S. H. Aged brother incapacitated by illness. Grant of \$140.00.
 Bro. E. H. Wife ill, family in distress. Grant of \$60.00.
 Bro. T. H. Tuberculosis of spine. Grant of \$378.00.
 Mrs. M. J. H. Aged widow without means. Grant of \$60.00.
 Mrs. S. H. Aged widow disabled. Grant of \$140.00.
 Bro. A. E. H. Chronic illness. Grant of \$240.00.
 Bro. E. W. I. Ill and in distress as result of fire. Grant of \$75.00.
 Bro. E. J. Sick. Two children to support. Grant of \$18.00.
 Mrs. S. J. Widow without means. Grant of \$360.00.
 Mrs. W. J. Deserted by husband. One child. Grant of \$300.00.
 Mrs. L. K. Widow with one child. Grant of \$25.00.
 Mrs. O. M. K. Widow with invalid child. Grant of \$123.00.
 Bro. J. T. M. Ill and in distress. Grant of \$100.00.
 Mrs. I. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$27.85.
 Mrs. A. M. Widow in distress. Two daughters and invalid mother. Grant of \$25.00.
 Bro. A. M. Wife an invalid. Grant of \$125.00.
 Bro. W. S. M. Tubercular case, unable to work. Grant of \$260.00.
 Mrs. J. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$180.00.

Mrs. M. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$60.00.
 Mrs. L. McC. Widow with one boy. Grant of \$180.00..
 Mrs. E. McC. Widow without means. Grant of \$466.93.
 Mr. M. I. McL. Widow with two daughters. Grant of \$185.00.
 Bro. G. N. Invalid brother without means. Grant of \$120.00.
 Bro. E. A. P. Chronic illness. Grant of \$80.00.
 Mrs. J. H. P. Widow with three children. Grant of \$10.00.
 Mrs. P. P. Aged widow. Grant of \$90.00.
 Mrs. A. P. Aged widow. Grant of \$65.00.
 Mrs. M. J. P. Aged widow. Grant of \$65.00.
 Mrs. J. C. R. Widow with four children. Grant of \$120.00.
 Mrs. D. R. R. Widow without means. Grant of \$240.00.
 Mrs. P. R. Aged widow. Grant of \$135.00.
 Bro. G. C. R. Seriously ill. Grant of \$100.00.
 Bro. E. R. Brother in distress. Grant of \$50.00.
 Bro. S. S. Chronic illness and distress. Grant of \$150.00.
 Bro. A. G. S. Blind. Without means. Grant of \$300.00.
 Mrs. A. S. Widow with invalid daughter. Grant of \$115.00.
 Mrs. R. E. S. Widow without means. Grant of \$30.00.
 Bro. C. V. A. Ill in hospital. Wife and four children without means.
 Grant of \$145.00.
 Bro. J. W. Aged brother. Grant of \$10.00.
 Bro. L. S. W. Chronic illness. Grant of \$73.00.
 Mrs. W. W. Aged widow. Grant of \$90.00.
 Mrs. A. W. Widow without means. Grant of \$90.00.
 Orphan children of late Bro. J. D. W. Grant of \$225.00.
 Mrs. G. W. Widow in distress. Grant of \$30.00.
 Mrs. S. E. W. Aged widow. Grant of \$240.00.
 Sundries—\$31.20.

Total Grants.....	\$11,603.89
Less contributions and refunds from lodges for their beneficiaries.....	577.69
Total Grants by Grand Lodge.....	<u>\$11,026.23</u>

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Calgary, June 11, 1935

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education submits herewith the report of its activities for the past year.

We offer our sincere congratulations to the lodges of this jurisdiction for the splendid results achieved, as shown by the returns of the lodges to your committee. The condensed reports reveal the following very gratifying results. There were 541 addresses delivered in our lodges since our last Annual Communication, 453 of these were on Masonic topics, and 152 on the topics suggested by your committee. Nor does this tell the whole story, for many other addresses by qualified visiting brethren can be added to this number. These reports came from 112 lodges, 58 of which reported an increase in both attend-

ance and interest, while 54 reported little if any difference. 541 addresses predicates an enormous amount of work done in our lodges, and consequently, a much better informed membership, which is the sole aim of your committee. The results in tabulated form will appear as an appendix to this report. We hope it will be carefully reviewed by the lodges. The banner lodge for the whole jurisdiction is Albion, No. 97 in the Seventeenth Masonic District, as far as adherence to the programme outlined by your committee is concerned. Many others have made a remarkable effort and are hereby accorded the sincere thanks and appreciation of your committee.

Following the course adopted last year, your committee sent to the lodges just before Grand Lodge convened, a programme for the whole season, which was printed in the Proceedings. We are repeating the same method this year, and already the lodges have received the programme for the season from now to the next communication. This was sent to the lodges on April 15th, in the following letter:

"TO THE MASTERS OF ALL LODGES:

"Dear Sir and W. Brother:

"As intimated in our circular of January 18th, we attach hereto a blank form, which when completed will be a record of the Educational activities of your lodges for the past year—August, 1934, to June, 1935. As these returns are to be included in the Proceedings, will you please add to the papers (or addresses) already given, those that are arranged for the end of June, so that they may be included in your returns on the form attached. Please mail this form as soon as possible, but not later than May 10th.

"The Educational programme for the coming season will be included in the Proceedings. We have in mind something like the following for the regular meetings, September to June, 1936, inclusive:

Masonic History (British)....	Period 900 to 1500 A.D.
Masonic Symbolism....	"The Three Great Lights."
Masonic Drama.	A list of suitable plays available.
Masonic History (British)....	Period 1500 to 1717 A.D.
Masonic Symbolism.....	"Four Cardinal Virtues."
Masonic History (British)...	Period 1717 to 1813 A.D.

"If you would like two or more additional plays, manuscripts can be supplied, but two months should be allowed to have them prepared.

"These subjects, except the Masonic Drama, are fully covered in the library of twenty volumes—"The British Masonic Miscellany," which every lodge should have. This library can be obtained from the Grand Secretary at a cost of \$11.00 per set. Some lodges have four sets circulating amongst their members.

"The Grand Lodge Committee would be glad to receive any constructive suggestions to amend the above programme. Masonic Plays have been added this season because of the remarkable success of the joint committee of the Medicine Hat lodges in this feature of Masonic Education. The following plays are available: 'The Honor of the Craft' 'Blue Sky,' 'Harmony being the Support,' and a dozen others. These have been prepared by M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. We will send the manuscript, if you wish.

"We want to assure you that the only requisite for success in Masonic Education is to start in it your lodge. The development takes care of itself. Every lodge in this jurisdiction, if the Master gives the leadership, can be vitalized by a programme of Education. We say every lodge advisedly. The Grand Lodge Committee will be glad to co-operate with you in this worth-while endeavour."

Special mention should be made here of the results of the activities of the Educational Committee of the Medicine Hat Lodges—a joint committee under the able leadership of R. W. Bro. J. McCandle. The Grand Master and the Chairman of your committee were invited to attend a meeting of this committee at Medicine Hat, when they put on a Masonic Play—"The Turn of the Tide." Some 200 Masons were in the room and witnessed the play, and were most appreciative of the quality of the performance. The next evening the Medicine Hat brethren put the play on for the lodges of the Lethbridge district, and were rewarded by an audience of some 600 Masons. This phase of Masonic instruction is producing results in other jurisdictions, and your committee recommends it to the consideration of our lodges. We will gladly supply the script for any lodge wishing to put on a play.

Two especially important matters have been considered by your committee—one, the matter of "A Plan of Lodge Education" used by two Grand Lodges of the United States, and adopted in modified form by Zetland Lodge of Calgary. This plan provides that the prospective Mason be instructed before initiation as to the nature of our institution, so that there be no misunderstanding on the part of the candidate, and similar instruction after each degree has been imparted, so that the lessons of the degree be not lost. Your committee has a copy of these instructions, and expect to be ready to offer this, or a similar plan, to our lodges in the near future. We are deeply conscious that there is a real need for some such plan throughout our whole jurisdiction, and this has been the experience of many other jurisdictions as well.

The second matter we wish to bring to your attention is contained in a minute of one of the meetings of this committee which is as follows: "It was agreed that a recommendation should be made in the report to Grand Lodge that this committee be reconstituted as a Grand Master's Committee, the members of which would be appointed by him, the same to report to Grand Lodge through him, but such change, being an amendment to the Constitution, requires a notice of motion, and therefore would not be effective this year. It was therefore agreed that Grand Lodge should be asked to give the Grand Master authority to supplement the number of members selected as now from the Board of General Purposes by appointing associate members, and it was also agreed that the requisite notice of motion to change the status of the committee be given at Grand Lodge."

It is the experience of other jurisdictions that your committee should consist of not more than seven members, who should be chosen by the Grand Master for their fitness to serve without having to be chosen, as now, from the members of the Board of General Purposes only.

Many helpful and thoughtful suggestions have been received from our lodges on the forms sent to them by your committee. We suggest that these be considered carefully by the committee to be appointed for the coming season and their conclusions be sent to the lodges in the usual form letter.

Your committee closes its year of work with gratification caused by the splendid co-operation of the part of the lodges throughout the whole jurisdiction. We hope that in the years to come this committee will be able to serve our lodges even more acceptably, which in itself is the only reward desired.

Last year Grand Lodge placed at the disposal of your committee the sum of two hundred dollars. Practically none of this amount was used, but we would like to have the appropriation renewed in case any necessity arises this coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

H. R. CHAUNCEY,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

RECORD OF EDUCATIONAL WORK BY LODGES
August, 1934 to June 1935. Taken From Lodge Reports

NOTE—Where spaces are blank information has not been supplied by lodges.

Lodge	No.	No. of Addresses	No. on Masonry	No. on Subjects from Committee	Was Attendance Increased?
DISTRICT No. 1					
Bow River.....	1	6	6	..	No
Cascade.....	5	5	2	..	No
Perfection.....	9	5	2	..	No
Calgary.....	23	8	8	2	No
Ashlar.....	28	2	2	2	Yes
Gleichen.....	36				
King Solomon.....	41				
Crossfield.....	48	1	1	..	No
Strathmore.....	53	5	5	..	No
Mount Lebanon.....	54	4	4	..	No
King George.....	59	8	7	4	No
Zetland.....	83	9	9	4	Yes
Crescent.....	87	10	7	1	No
St. Mark's.....	118	9	6	6	Yes
Concord.....	124	9	9	7	Yes
Renfrew.....	134	5	3	..	No
DISTRICT No. 2					
Medicine Hat.....	2	7	7	4	Yes
Mizpah.....	35	3	3	2	Yes
Bassano.....	55	2	2	1	Yes
Grassy Lake.....	57				
Bow Island.....	64	2	2	2	Yes
Quarry.....	70	1	1	1	Yes
Brooks.....	73				
Manyberries.....	133	3	3	..	No
DISTRICT No. 3					
Edmonton.....	7				
Wetaskiwin.....	15	7	7	7	No
Star of the West.....	34				
Unity.....	51	8	6	6	No
Edson.....	68				
Commercial.....	81	6	4	4	No
Meridian.....	129	4	4	..	
Jasper Park.....	143				
DISTRICT No. 4					
Innisfail.....	8				
Eureka.....	10	4	3	..	No

RECORD OF EDUCATIONAL WORK BY LODGES (Continued)

Lodge	No.	No. of Addresses	No. on Masonry	No. on Subjects from Committee	Was Attendance Increased?
Red Deer.....	12	2	2	..	Yes
Mountain View.....	16	5	2	..	Yes
Britannia.....	18	4	4	..	Yes
Carstairs.....	20	6	6	2	No
King Hiram.....	21	2	2	..	No
Kenilworth.....	29	4	3	..	Yes
Bowden.....	42	1	1	1	No
Kitchener.....	95	10	10	..	Yes
Lochearn.....	151	6	6	2	No
DISTRICT No. 5					
Camrose.....	37	5	5	2	Yes
Tuscan.....	43	4	4	..	No
Comet.....	50				
Provost.....	61				
Coal.....	62	3	3	..	No
Harmony.....	75	4	4	1	Yes
Morning Star.....	79				
Excelsior.....	80	3	3	..	Yes
Forestburg.....	128	3	2	..	Yes
Alliance.....	135				
Melrose.....	139	6	4	2	No
Efficiency.....	141	7	7	..	No
DISTRICT No. 6					
Nanton.....	17				
Cornerstone.....	19	4	4	..	Yes
Corinthian.....	22	4	2	..	Yes
Cairo.....	32	7	5	..	Yes
Stavelly.....	35	2	2	..	No
Joppa.....	40	3	3	1	No
DISTRICT No. 7					
North Star.....	4				
Doric.....	31	7	7	2	Yes
Lethbridge.....	39	4	2	..	No
Diamond City.....	65				
Charity.....	67	8	2	..	No
Verdigris.....	100	7	7	3	No
Foremost.....	103	2	2	..	No
York.....	119				
Sharon.....	157	5	5	..	Yes
Lucerne.....	159				

RECORD OF EDUCATIONAL WORK BY LODGES (Continued)

Lodge	No.	No. of Addresses	No. on Masonry	No. on Subjects from Committee	Was Attendance Increased?
DISTRICT No. 8					
Alberta.....	3	3	3	3	Yes
Spitzie.....	6	2	2	..	Yes
Sentinel.....	26				
Summit.....	30				
Chinook.....	47	3	3	..	Yes
Chief Mountain.....	58	2	2	..	No
Rocky Mountain.....	86	4	3	..	Yes
DISTRICT No. 9					
Apollo.....	27	2	2	1	
Ionic.....	45	8	8	7	Yes
Beaver.....	56	4	4	4	Yes
Coronation.....	72				
Monitor.....	120	6	6	..	No
Rising Sun.....	122	7	7	3	No
Big Valley.....	140	3	3	3	Yes
Donald.....	150	4	4	..	No
DISTRICT No. 10					
Acacia.....	11	9	2	..	Yes
Victoria.....	13				
Vermilion.....	24				
St. John's.....	25				
Hope.....	38	3	3	..	No
Empire.....	63	1	1	..	Yes
Norwood.....	90	8	4	..	Yes
Lamont.....	94				
Kilwinning.....	110				
Dominion.....	117				
Kitseoty.....	131	8	6	2	Yes
St. Alban's.....	145				
Waskatenau.....	154				
DISTRICT No. 11					
Robert Burns.....	49	2	2	..	Yes
Vulcan.....	74	8	7	7	Yes
Champion.....	84	3	3	..	No
Pyramid.....	108	1	1	..	
Nobleford.....	111	1	1	..	No
Granite.....	127				
Cresset.....	136	2	2	1	Yes

RECORD OF EDUCATIONAL WORK BY LODGES (Continued)

Lodge	No.	No. of Addresses	No. on Masonry	No. on Subjects from Committee	Was Attendance Increased?
DISTRICT No. 12					
Jasper.....	14	5	2	..	Yes
Tawatinaw.....	71	4	4	..	No
Strathcona.....	77	9	3	..	No
Patricia.....	91	3	2	..	No
Saskatchewan.....	92	10	5	2	Yes
West Edmonton.....	101	2	2	..	No
Westlock.....	114	3	2	2	Yes
Pembina.....	126	3	2	..	No
Onoway.....	138	5	5	..	No
Ivanhoe.....	142	7	7	..	No
Mayerthorpe.....	148				
Whitecourt.....	153	4	4	1	Yes
Earl Haig.....	155				
DISTRICT No. 13					
Wahpun.....	88	8	8	..	Yes
Peace River.....	89	4	4	2	Yes
Grande Prairie.....	105	7	5	5	Yes
Lake Saskatoon.....	106				
Spirit River.....	116				
Northland.....	147				
Hythe.....	156	4	3	..	Yes
Sexsmith.....	160	10	10	4	Yes
DISTRICT No. 14					
Hanna.....	78	6	6	..	Yes
Acadia.....	82				
Hand Hill.....	98				
Oyen.....	104	3	3	3	No
Crocus.....	115	8	8	5	No
Craigmyle.....	132	6	6	1	No
Berry Creek.....	158				
DISTRICT No. 15					
Acme.....	60				
St. Andrew's.....	66				
Fidelity.....	76				
Ancient Landmark.....	109	5	5	2	Yes
Cyprus.....	113				
Cavell.....	125	4	4	..	No
Irricana.....	137	5	5	..	No

RECORD OF EDUCATIONAL WORK BY LODGES (Continued)

Lodge	No.	No. of Addresses	No. on Masonry	No. on Subjects from Committee.	Was Attendance Increased?
DISTRICT No. 16					
Symbol.....	93				
Carbon.....	107	8	7	1	Yes
Rockyford.....	123	1	1	.	Yes
Hussar.....	130				
Drumheller.....	146	5	3	2	Yes
Rosebud.....	149	4	4	..	No
Standard.....	152	3	3	..	No
DISTRICT No. 17					
Buffalo Park.....	44	2	..	..	Yes
Palestine.....	46	7	6	..	Yes
Connaught.....	69	2	1	..	Yes
Dynamic.....	96	4	4	3	No
Albion.....	97	12	12	12	Yes
Edgerton.....	102	8	8	4	No
Victory.....	112				
Gratton.....	144	6	6	3	No

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS
AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Calgary, June 11, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officer and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence regret that owing to the protracted illness of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Chairman of this committee, he has been unable to give attention to certain matters he had in hand and it has fallen to our lot in his absence to make the incomplete report. We would join with you in expressing to M. W. Bro. Selwood our hope and prayer that he may enjoy a speedy and complete recovery.

It is pleasing to report that the relations existing between this and other Grand Jurisdictions continues friendly and with the highest degree of comity and fraternity.

Your committee would desire that an extension of another year be granted to continue the investigation into our relations with Guatemala, Italy, Netherlands, Peru, Porto Rico and Sweden. The matter of recognition of the Rumania United Free Masonry Federation is still under examination and we would request that it be laid over for report at the next Annual Communication.

A request for recognition has been received from The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Ohio, Grand East at Kent, Ohio, one Rev. Joseph K. Falls, Grand Master. They claim to have been accorded recognition by certain unnamed Masonic bodies. Correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, the regular body with whom we are in fraternal relations, reveals that this spurious Grand Lodge received a charter in 1930, which was annulled in the courts. Later it was discovered that they possessed a charter granted in 1891 and it is upon this authority that they are now endeavoring to function. They have several chartered lodges and indeed one of their members visited a lodge in Alberta a few years ago until he was excluded when his Masonic origin was discovered. We unhesitatingly recommend that this irregular body be not recognized and at the same time record our warmest fraternal sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, which has such a distressing situation within her borders. We would warn all lodges to be on their guard lest we should be visited again by some of these clandestine Masons.

We find on file certain correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Parahiba, Grand Lodge Rio Janiero and the Most Worshipful Sovereign Symbolic Grand Lodge of Ceara, all of Brazil. We are not yet prepared to make the recommendation for recognition.

The matter of recognition of Denmark has been under consideration for some years. In the 1930 Proceedings, page 125, we find the following reference:

"With reference to the following Grand Bodies, namely:

National Grand Lodge of Czecko Slovakia,
Grand Lodge of Denmark,
Grand Lodge of Finland,
Grand Orient of Rumania,
Grand Lodge of Vienna,

your committee recommends that this group of Grand Lodges be accredited in the sense that Masons who are members of lodges under their jurisdiction shall be deemed to have received the the recognized work, and that this Grand Lodge permit our constituent lodges to receive visitors, bringing proper credentials, who hail from these Grand Lodges, and that such Masons be permitted to affiliate with lodges in our jurisdiction, subject however to compliance with the regulations or constitutional provisions in force with reference thereto, both in the jurisdiction from which they hail and in this jurisdiction."

During the year 1934 our Grand Secretary had occasion to correspond with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, in connection with the visit of one of our members to Denmark, and in anticipation of his visiting lodges there. It was discovered that the United Grand Lodge of England and other Grand Lodges in Canada were in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Denmark. A formal request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Denmark, A.F. & A.M., and looking toward an exchange of representatives, was received in November last. As this body maintains and supports all the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry, including the Three Great Lights and the working of the Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe; is the only responsible and independent self governing Grand Lodge of the country, with sole and undisputed authority over the Craft or Symbolic degrees within its jurisdiction, we recommend that we accord them recognition and exchange representatives.

The Annual Review of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges is submitted herewith and your committee recommends that it be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

V. H. MACAULAY,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. H. James (65), seconded by R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

Note: Owing to certain information received since the Annual Communication, the Grand Master has directed that the completion of arrangements with the Grand Lodge of Denmark be deferred until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), reported progress and recommended that the committee continue and report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to which Grand Lodge agreed.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:35 o'clock p.m.

In the evening a very large gathering of the members of Grand Lodge assembled in the lodge room in the Masonic Temple to witness a Masonic Play, entitled "The Turn of the Tide" by M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and presented by brethren from the Medicine Hat Lodges, under the direction of R. W. Bro. John McCandie, P.D.D.G.M.

This play portrayed meetings of St. Andrew's Lodge, Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1931-7, the incidents depicted actually having occurred. It aimed to present the customs, dress, ceremonies and historical setting of the period and to teach a lesson to the Craft of the present day.

The players were introduced to the gathering with a brief explanation of the play and the difficulties of the times in those early days, by R. W. Bro. H. Norman Davis, D.D.G.M. of District No. 2. The cast was as follows:

John Drillio, W.M.....	R. W. Bro. John McCandie
Geo. Anderson, S.W.....	Bro. E. G. Ellerton
Andrew Jennings, J.W.....	Bro. Gerald Grant
Jas. Cruichshanks, Treas.....	W. Bro. P. D. Stone
Daniel Sutherland, Sec'y.....	W. Bro. H. O. Parks
John Farquhar, S.D.....	Bro. P. L. F. Riches
William Wright, J.D.....	R. W. Bro. J. Elliott
Henry Adams, Tyler.....	W. Bro. T. R. Osborne

These characters represented the actual members of St. Andrew's Lodge in 1831. The scene was a lodge room of that day and the action took place not on a stage, but in the centre of the lodge room.

The players entered fully into the spirit of their parts and held the close attention of the audience throughout the two acts of the performance, receiving a tremendous ovation at the close, when the Grand Master expressed his appreciation of the enthusiasm of the actors, who had spared no trouble or expense to put on this play for the entertainment of Grand Lodge, and which conveyed a Masonic lesson peculiarly appropriate to the times in which we are now living. R. W. Bro. John McCandie thanked the Grand Master for giving them the opportunity to present this play at Grand Lodge and expressed his appreciation of the reception they had been accorded.

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock then addressed the M. W. the Grand Master, stating that on behalf of Grand Lodge he wished to congratulate him on his happy thought in providing such an unusual and profitable entertainment for the members, who recognized that during his year of office he had spared no effort to further the interests of Masonry in the jurisdiction, which involved the sacrifice of a great deal of time and also absence from his home. On their behalf he requested him to accept for Mrs. Bowes a bouquet of flowers, with the regards and best wishes of every member of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Bowes briefly replied, and the meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem, following which the brethren repaired to the Banquet Room, where a buffet supper was served by the Calgary lodges and a social hour was greatly enjoyed by all.

Second Day = = = *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Calgary, June 12, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We have reviewed the report of the Grand Librarian, which was referred to this committee and beg to commend to the lodges the books which have been added to our library, which are outstanding in Masonic literature.

We concur, also, in the request that the usual appropriation of \$50.00 from the General Fund of Grand Lodge, for the purchase of new books, be continued for the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

H. R. CHAUNCEY,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That the supplementary reports of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

It being announced that the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, R. W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, and R. W. Bro. L. S. Sifton, P.D.D.G.M., also of Saskatchewan, were in waiting, the Grand Master directed R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, D.G.M., to retire and introduce them to Grand Lodge.

On being presented the distinguished visitors were received with Grand Honors and a cordial welcome extended to them by the Grand Master, who invited them to seats on his right.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

Calgary, June 12, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has made a careful study of the Report of the Grand Secretary and have pleasure in reporting as follows:

The Grand Secretary has carried out the duties of his office with his usual proficiency.

We note his comments on the reports of the lodge Secretaries and concur in his recommendation that more care should be exercised in the compilation of the returns, particularly as to details.

In noting the decrease in membership your committee feel that, considering the strenuous times through which we are passing, there is nothing alarming in this reduction of membership.

Your committee regret the passing of the late M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and are glad to note that our Grand Secretary found it convenient to attend the funeral at Winnipeg as representative of this Grand Lodge. It was fitting that we should be represented and pay our tribute to the memory of such a distinguished brother of our Mother Grand Lodge.

We note with pleasure that the Grand Secretary found time on his return trip from Winnipeg to stop off in Regina and pay a visit to the Grand Secretary and other brethren of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Your committee feel that the Conference of Grand Lodge Officers of the three Prairie Provinces held in this city recently will prove to be of inestimable benefit to the Craft in this jurisdiction and hope that ways and means may be found to make this an annual event and that British Columbia may be represented at future meetings.

We agree with the comments by the Grand Secretary re the forms now in use for amendments to By-laws. We also note that certain lodges have neglected to send in copies of their By-laws as requested. This neglect on the part of constituent lodges to comply with the instructions of Grand Lodge is to be deplored as this interrupts the regular routine of the work in the Grand Secretary's office.

In conclusion, we desire to pay tribute to the efficient manner in which the work of the Grand Secretary's office is conducted and to congratulate him on the successful conclusion of another year of office.

All of which is Fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. CRUICKSHANK,
A. WEST,
GEORGE MOORE,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, (26), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, P.G.M., pointed out that yesterday, June 12th, R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, celebrated his birthday, which date coincided with his election as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and on behalf of Grand Lodge extended congratulations to which R. W. Bro. Downey suitably replied.

R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), drawing attention to the celebrations this year by the Empire of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King George, with His Gracious Consort, Queen Mary, moved and was seconded by R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), "That M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock be requested to prepare a suitable telegram to be forwarded to His Majesty, King George V." Carried unanimously.

Later, M. W. Bro. Blackstock presented the following telegram; which was greeted with applause:

"His Excellency The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Bessborough,
Ottawa.

"The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Grand Lodge assembled, desire you on our behalf to convey to Our Gracious King, His Majesty King George, our sincere joy and gratitude on the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne and further to express to him our humble duty and loyalty to his person and to his throne and to His Gracious Consort Queen Mary. It is our sincere hope that his Crown may forever remain the symbol of unity of the great British Empire."

Subsequently, the following telegram was received from Rideau Hall, Ottawa:

"Governor General is commanded by the King to convey to all members of your Grand Lodge His Majesty's sincere thanks for their loyal birthday message."

Secretary, GOVERNOR GENERAL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CEREMONY OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF DISTRICT MEETINGS

Calgary, June 13, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was approved by Grand Lodge last year, the special committee beg to report that they have carefully considered the Opening and Closing Ceremony for use in District Meetings in the Grand Jurisdictions of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and also one that had been prepared by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., and recommended that the latter ceremonial be adopted by this Grand Lodge for

the opening and closing of District Meetings, as being the most suitable for this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
A. M. MITCHELL,

Committee.

Both ceremonies were then read to Grand Lodge, and it was moved, by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That the report of the Committee on Ceremony of Opening and closing of District Meetings be received and adopted."

It was moved, in amendment, by R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironsides (23), "That the ritual as used in Manitoba and Saskatchewan be adopted."

On being put, the amendment was declared "lost", and the original motion "Carried."

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Calgary, June 11, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
Of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Pursuant to the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in the City of Edmonton, whereby this committee was instructed:

"To canvass the avenues of distributing relief, consistent with the principles of Masonry and with a view to disbursing the full amount levied or earned each year, and any changes which they think should be made, but which they have not the power to make themselves, be given as a Notice of Motion for our Next Grand Lodge meeting."

two special sessions of the full committee were held at which in addition to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, there attended on the invitation of the Chairman, M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and M. W. Bro. H. M. Blackstock, Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

The committee carefully considered the regulations at present in force which were adopted at the 1921 Annual Communication, and as contained in the Proceedings of that year. In order that you may have a more thorough understanding of the regulations, it is proposed to review each clause, giving such information as is necessary, and then give the revised regulations as recommended by the committee.

CLAUSE 1. "Grand Lodge grants to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother, are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the lodge recommending the application."

This clause is based on the foundation principle of Masonic Charity. It is an established fundamental principle that the granting of Masonic Charity is primarily the care of the individual brother or of the lodge, and it is only when they are unable to meet the requirements of a case that Grand Lodge should be called upon to render assistance.

During the past few years the majority of the lodges have taken this clause to mean that Grand Lodge will pay fifty per cent (50%) of the amount required, and while in fact this has been the procedure followed, yet it does not mean that such is the case.

In view of the extraordinary conditions prevailing during the past few years, the Committee on Benevolence recognize that the burden of relief is greater than most of the lodges can bear, and that the committee must assume a larger share, but in order that it can do so, it is imperative that the lodges should furnish fuller information on the required forms, and in particular to state what amount is required to meet the demands of each particular case.

In a recent application under review the amount requested by the lodge was so small that further investigation was made, when it was found that the lodge only asked for an amount equivalent to what they could pay and stated that, "They did not feel justified in asking for a greater amount than they could afford, but that a larger sum was really required." The committee cheerfully increased the allowance.

It should be borne in mind that the committee are prepared to assist the lodges to the fullest extent that the case may demand, provided the lodge recognizes its responsibility.

Clause 2. "Provided for the appointment in each lodge of a representative to investigate applications for relief arising within their lodge."

In practice this clause was considered unnecessary and it is therefore recommended that it be deleted.

Clause 3. "All applications for relief must be made upon forms which will be furnished by the Grand Secretary, to whom they must be sent when properly completed."

No change is recommended in this clause, but it cannot be too forcibly emphasized that the greatest care should be exercised in the filling out of this report, as it is the only means by which the committee have of passing on each application. In centres where there are organized Boards of Relief we are able to obtain fuller information and keep in touch with our beneficiaries, but in small communities we are compelled to depend upon the lodge for the information furnished.

Clause 4. "Each application for relief shall be made through a lodge and shall be signed by the Master or presiding officer or Secretary thereof, with the seal of the lodge affixed, and in no case shall an application be made through an individual brother. It shall be imperative for a lodge intending to recommend an application for relief to pass a resolution to that effect in open lodge, record the same in the minutes and attach a copy thereof to such application."

No change is recommended in this clause, but attention is drawn to the fact that it is not necessary to disclose the name of the brother

or his dependent requiring assistance in open lodge, but that any brother desiring the information can obtain same from the W. M. or Secretary.

Clause 5. "In cases of pressing need arising between meetings of the Committee on Benevolence, interim grants for the purposes of temporary relief may be made by the Chairman, or acting Chairman and the Grand Secretary, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master."

Clause 5 was agreed to as it stands. This clause authorizes temporary grants in urgent cases made between meetings of the committee by the Chairman, or acting Chairman and Secretary, and approved by the Grand Master.

Clause 6. Of the regulations of 1921 was deleted and it is recommended that the following clause be substituted therefor:

"Grants shall be payable by cheque, signed by the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman or acting Chairman of the committee on Finance, in favor of the beneficiary, or lodge, or such person or organization as the committee may decide."

Clause 7. It is suggested should be amended to read as follows:

"No grants may be made to an unaffiliated brother or to relatives of a deceased brother, who at the time of his death was an unaffiliated Mason, unless by unanimous consent of the members present at a regularly convened meeting of the Committee on Benevolence, and with the approval of the Grand Master."

Under the regulations of 1921, the committee could not make a grant to an unaffiliated Mason or his dependents, no matter how worthy of consideration the case might be, but were forced to remit it to the Finance Committee for their consideration and the approval of Grand Lodge. Under the revised regulations it is proposed that the Committee on Benevolence will deal with all cases of this type that might arise.

By an unaffiliated Mason is meant one who has been a member in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, but who has ceased to be such, but in no case shall a Mason under sentence of suspension or expulsion be entitled to Masonic benevolence.

Clause 8. Of the 1921 regulations expressly forbids the payment of funeral expenses, and it is proposed to replace this clause by the following:

"No grant shall be made from this Fund for the purpose of defraying funeral expenses, except that in extraordinary circumstances, by unanimous consent of the members present at a regularly convened meeting of the Committee on Benevolence, and with the approval of the Grand Master, and subject to Clause 1 of these regulations, a grant may be made in the case of one who has been a beneficiary of Grand Lodge, but in no case shall such grant exceed the sum of \$100.00."

In suggesting the change in this clause, the committee wish it to be understood that they are not opening the door to permit of the paying of funeral expenses, but knowing that there are many dependents on our Fund who are advancing in years and who are unable to make provision to take care of this matter when the time arrives, the

committee deem it advisable to adjust the regulations to take care of such cases as the need may arise.

Your committee would recommend that the name of the Committee on Benevolence be changed to "Board of Benevolence" and that the regulations governing this Board shall be as follows:

1. Grand Lodge grants to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the lodge recommending the application.

2. All applications for relief must be made on forms which will be furnished by the Grand Secretary to whom they must be sent when properly completed.

3. Each application for relief shall be made through a lodge and shall be signed by the Master or presiding officer and the Secretary thereof, with the seal of the lodge affixed, and in no case shall an application be made through an individual brother. It shall be imperative for a lodge intending to recommend an application for relief to pass a resolution to that effect in open lodge, record the same in the minutes and attach a copy thereof to the application.

4. In cases of pressing need arising between meetings of the Board of Benevolence, interim grants for purposes of temporary relief may be made by the President or Vice-President and the Grand Secretary, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master.

5. Grants shall be payable by cheque, signed by the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the Committee on Finance, in favor of the beneficiary, a lodge or such person or organization as the Board may decide.

6. No grants may be made to an unaffiliated brother or to relatives of a deceased brother, who at the time of his death was an unaffiliated Mason, unless by unanimous consent of the members present at a regularly convened meeting of the Board of Benevolence and with the approval of the Grand Master; but in no case shall a Mason under sentence of suspension or expulsion be entitled to Masonic benevolence.

(By an unaffiliated Mason is meant one who has been a member in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, but who has ceased to be such.)

7. No grants shall be made from this Fund for the purpose of defraying funeral expenses, except that in extraordinary circumstances, by unanimous consent of the members present at a regularly convened meeting of the Board of Benevolence and with the approval of the Grand Master and subject to Clause 1 of these regulations, a grant may be made in the case of one who has been a beneficiary of Grand Lodge, but in no case shall such grant exceed the sum of \$100.00.

8. MEETINGS: The Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence shall meet regularly once a month, and the presence of at least three members shall constitute a quorum. Notices of these meetings shall be mailed to every member of the Board and the minutes of each meeting shall also be mailed to every member as soon as

possible after each meeting. The Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Board.

9. **EXPENSES:** Any expenses in connection with the operation of the Board, such as travelling expenses of members residing outside of the City of Calgary, incurred in attending meetings, and the travelling expenses incurred by the order of the Board of any of its members in the execution of matter concerning its benevolence, shall be paid out of the Relief Fund Savings Account, after being regularly passed by the Board, the meeting of the Board at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge being especially excepted.

10. The Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, together with six members elected by Grand Lodge who shall hold office for two years, three to be elected each year, who shall be eligible for re-election at the will of Grand Lodge. In addition thereto there shall be appointed by the Grand Master, in consultation with the President of the Board of Benevolence, two members who shall hold office for one year only.

11. The Board shall, immediately following the close of the Grand Lodge session, appoint a President and Vice-President and name the day and time of the regular monthly meeting.

In seeking avenues to further extend the scope of the committee, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell was delegated to enquire into the possibility of granting assistance for Educational purposes. He reported that after much correspondence and an exhaustive examination of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges and other Grand Bodies, which had dealt with the question, he regretted that he could not make any recommendation to this committee.

Your committee also considered the work of the Masonic Boards of Relief in the cities, which to a large extent consists of assisting transients and members of the Craft not affiliated in Alberta. This work is maintained by a levy on the lodges in the district and constitutes another demand on the funds of the lodge, and while the committee do not feel disposed to make any recommendation towards the support of this work still they wish to express their appreciation of the excellent work being done and especially the co-operation existent between the Masonic Board of Relief of Calgary and the Grand Lodge office.

The report of the Committee on Finance draws attention to the trend of the times by which an insistent demand is being made for reduced interest rates, and as this change will have to be faced, it will mean that our revenue will be considerably reduced, so that it is imperative that we conserve our resources and build up a fund sufficient to take care of all our needs.

The committee would also point out that in the year 1923 we paid out \$6,500.00 in relief and in 1933 the grants amounted to \$13,087.58, or an increase of 100 per cent in 10 years, and with the passing years the average age of our membership will show a greater ratio of older men, which, in turn, will mean greater demands upon our funds. This, taken together with the relaxing of our regulations, will tax our funds to the limit.

The committee also draws attention to the fact that there are a number of lodges who do not call upon the Grand Lodge funds to assist

them in their charity work, and to these all honor is due, but this Fund is established to assist the lodges and it is for them to decide what demands they wish to make upon the Fund, as the committee can only deal with the applications placed before them.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland, (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), "That the special report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

MOTIONS

A letter was read from W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), regretting his inability to be present at Grand Lodge, and requesting that the following motion, standing in his name, be laid over until the next communication of Grand Lodge:

"That Section 167 of the Constitution be deleted and that there be substituted in its stead the following:

"The business of any lodge working in the Canadian Rite may be done in any of the three degrees, at the option of the Master, except when the work requires that a certain ceremony be done in any particular degree."

Grand Lodge agreed to the request.

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by W. Bro. M. A. McIntyre (92), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28);

"That Section 167 of the Constitution be deleted and that there be substituted in its stead the following:

"The business of the lodge, except the conferring of degrees and the ceremonies otherwise provided for, must be done in the third degree. When degree work only is to be done, the lodge need only be opened in form up to such degree or degrees as is necessary for properly conferring the required degree or degrees, and closed in form in the degree or degrees in which it was opened."

W. Bro. M. M. McIntyre asked leave to amend his motion to read as follows: to which Grand Lodge agreed:

"That the business of the lodge, except the conferring of degrees, and ceremonies otherwise provided for, must be done in the third degree, but lodges using the Canadian Work may, where degree work only is to be done, be opened in form up to such degree or degrees as is necessary for properly conferring such degrees and closed in form in the degree or degrees in which it was opened."

The amended motion on being put was declared "Lost."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), seconded by W. Bro. W. R. Roberts (51).

"That Section 161 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following:

"Such lodge of emergency may be opened on the first or third degree and closed without form."

W. Bro. Ottewell requested leave to amend his motion to read as follows; which was agreed to by Grand Lodge:

"That Section 161 of the Constitution be amended by adding:

"Lodges using the Canadian Work, at the discretion of the Master, may be opened for such lodge of emergency in the first or third degree and closed without form."

The amended motion, on being put, was declared "Lost."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58):

"That Section 162 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"The By-laws of each lodge shall provide on what specific day of the week and the specific week of the calendar month its regular communication shall be held and the hour of holding such communication."

R. W. Bro. Downey requested leave to amend his motion by deleting the words "week and the specific week of the" in the first line, to which Grand Lodge agreed.

The amended motion on being put was declared "Lost."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9);

"That the application of the levy of fifty cents per capita, payable to the Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, be suspended for the Masonic year ending December 31st, 1935."

The motion on being put was "Carried."

The following motion, of which due notice was given by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), seconded by W. Bro. N. Luciw (101);

"That the paragraph in the Standard By-laws and also in the By-laws adopted by all constituent lodges, which refers to 'Order of Business' be amended by deleting the item which refers to conferring degrees."

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. R. Patterson (3), "That the motion be not put, but referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), seconded by W. Bro. W. H. Hilton (92):

"That a revised Burial Service, as presented, be adopted by Grand Lodge."

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) seconded by R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), "That the revised Burial Service be referred to a special committee to report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

The following motion, of which due notice was given:

"That the form of Questionnaire for applicants be changed to include additional questions."

was not dealt with, owing to the absence of W. Bro. J. C. Smith (60), but it was agreed that the matter be referred to the special committee on forms to be appointed by the Grand Master.

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Custodian of the Canadian Work, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. Patterson (3):

"That the word 'right' in the seventh line, page 13 of the I.M. Work, be deleted, and the words 'immediate left' be substituted, for all lodges using the Canadian Work."

It was agreed that all the words after "substituted" be deleted and the motion as amended, on being put, was "Carried."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by M. W. Bro. R. Patterson (3):

"That the station of the Chaplain in the lodges using the Canadian Work be the second seat to the left of the W.M."

It was agreed that the words "the second seat to the left of the W.M." be deleted, and the words "in the East" substituted therefor. The amended motion, on being put, was "Carried."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by M. W. Bro. R. Patterson (3):

"That the stations of the Stewards in lodges using the Canadian Work be one on either hand of the Junior Warden."

The motion, on being put, was "Carried."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), "That the Grand Master be empowered to appoint three associate members to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

It was resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), "That the sincere sympathy of this Grand Lodge be extended to R. W. Bro. P. Fielding, Grand Tyler, in his recent bereavement through the death of his wife and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to convey this resolution to R. W. Bro. Fielding in suitable terms."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:15 o'clock p.m.

Second Day = = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION

R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he would move:

"That Section 112 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the 'Masonic Research and Education' in the seventh and eighth lines."

"That Section 116 of the Constitution be deleted and the following new Section 116 be substituted:

"A Committee on Masonic Research and Education shall be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after the communication of Grand Lodge in each year, the committee to consist of not more than seven members, who shall report to Grand Lodge through him. Other Special Committees may be appointed and shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge."

PLACE OF MEETING

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by W. Bro. A. K. Leighs (88), "That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held in the City of Edmonton."

The Grand Master announced that he had great pleasure in calling upon the distinguished visitor from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, R. W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, Deputy Grand Master, to address Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Yorke expressed his pleasure in being able to accept the cordial invitation of his old friend R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Grand Master elect, to attend this communication, and was pleased to see such a large and representative gathering present. He extended the fraternal greetings of the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. T. W. Sutherland, M.D., C.M., and of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

He congratulated Grand Lodge on meeting in such a commodious and well appointed Temple, saying that the Calgary lodges were indeed fortunate in possessing such a home.

Referring to the Jubilee Celebrations in London, of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King George V, he mentioned that the Grand Lodges throughout the Empire were, like the Grand Lodge of Alberta, sending messages of congratulation as an expression of their loyalty to the throne, indicating tha

throughout the Dominions Masonry was one in its devotion to the King and the Constitutions under which they lived.

In concluding his address, he expressed sincere wishes for the continued prosperity of the Craft in Alberta.

The Grand Master briefly replied, thanking R. W. Bro. Yorke for his address, and requested him to carry back to the brethren of Saskatchewan the fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes of this Grand Lodge.

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), "That R. W. Bro. J. R. Yorke be made an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, R. W. Bro. Joseph Madill, R. W. Bro. J. Henning, R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale, R. W. Bro. W. J. Kirby, W. Bro. G. T. Jackson and W. Bro. W. Howe a Board of Scrutineers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 341 members present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 605, consisting of 84 W. M.'s, 32 S. W.'s, 14 J. W.'s, 211 P. M.'s, and 35 Proxies.

136 Chartered lodges are represented.

20 Chartered lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

Fraternally submitted,

SAM J. BLAIR,
Chairman.

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1. Bow River.....	1	1	1	4	..	7
2. Medicine Hat.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
3. Alberta.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
4. North Star.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
5. Cascade.....	..	2	1	1	..	4
6. Spitzie.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
7. Edmonton.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
8. Innisfail.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
9. Perfection.....	2	1	..	10	..	13
10. Eureka.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
11. Acacia.....	2	1	..	2	..	5

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
12. Red Deer.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
13. Victoria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Jasper.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
15. Wetaskiwin.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
16. Mountain View	2	1	..	1	..	4
17. Nanton.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
18. Britannia.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
19. Cornerstone	3	..	..	3	..	6
20. Carstairs.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
21. King Hiram.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
22. Corinthian.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
23. Calgary.....	2	..	1	10	..	13
24. Vermilion.....	1	1	1	..	..	3
25. St. John's.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
26. Sentinel.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
27. Apollo.....	1	1	1	2	..	5
28. Ashlar.....	2	1	..	5	..	8
29. Kenilworth.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
30. Summit.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
31. Doric.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
32. Cairo.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
33. Stavely.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
34. Star of the West.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
35. Mizpah.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
36. Gleichen.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
37. Camrose.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
38. Hope.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
39. Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
40. Joppa.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
41. King Solomon.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
42. Bowden.....	..	2	1	..	..	3
43. Tuscan.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
44. Buffalo Park.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
45. Ionic.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
46. Palestine.....	..	3	..	2	..	5
47. Chinook.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
48. Crossfield.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
49. Robert Burns.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
50. Comet.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
51. Unity.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
53. Strathmore.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
54. Mount Lebanon.....	..	3	..	5	..	8
55. Bassano.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
56. Beaver.....	..	..	3	3	..	6
57. Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
58. Chief Mountain.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
59. King George.....	..	..	3	8	..	11
60. Acme.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
61. Provost.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
62. Coal.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
63. Empire.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
64. Bow Island.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
65. Diamond City.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
66. St. Andrew's.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
67. Charity.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
68. Edson.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
69. Connaught.....	..	..	..	..	..	..

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
70. Quarry.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
71. Tawatinaw.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
72. Coronation.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
73. Brooks.....	..	..	..	1	1	4
74. Vulcan.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
75. Harmony.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
76. Fidelity.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
77. Strathcona.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
78. Hanna.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
79. Morning Star.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
80. Excelsior.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
81. Commercial.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
82. Acadia.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
83. Zetland.....	2	..	1	17	..	20
84. Champion.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
86. Rocky Mountain.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
87. Crescent.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
88. Wahpun.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
89. Peace River.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
90. Norwood.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
91. Patricia.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
92. Saskatchewan.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
93. Symbol.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
94. Lamont.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
95. Kitchener.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
96. Dynamic.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
97. Albion.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
98. Hand Hill.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
100. Verdigris.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
101. West Edmonton.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
102. Edgerton.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
103. Foremost.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
104. Oyen.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
105. Grande Prairie.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
106. Lake Saskatoon.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
107. Carbon.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
108. Pyramid.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
109. Ancient Landmark.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
110. Kilwinning.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
111. Nobleford.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
112. Victory.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
113. Cyprus.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
114. Westlock.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
115. Crocus.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
116. Spirit River.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
117. Dominion.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
118. St. Mark's.....	2	1	..	4	..	7
119. York.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
120. Monitor.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
112. Rising Sun.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
123. Rockyford.....	2	..	1	1	..	4
124. Concord.....	2	1	..	4	..	7
125. Cavell.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
126. Pembina.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
127. Granite.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
128. Forestburg.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
129. Meridian.....	..	..	..	..	3	3

		W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
130.	Hussar.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
131.	Kitscoty.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
132.	Craigmyle.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
133.	Manyberries.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
134.	Renfrew.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
135.	Alliance.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
136.	Cresset.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
137.	Irricana.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
138.	Onoway.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
139.	Melrose.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
140.	Big Valley.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
141.	Efficiency.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
142.	Ivanhoe.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
143.	Jasper Park.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
144.	Gratton.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
145.	St. Alban's.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
146.	Drumheller.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
147.	Northland.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
149.	Rosebud.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
150.	Donalda.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
151.	Lochearn.....	3	..	..	2	..	3
152.	Standard.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
153.	Whitcourt.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
154.	Waskatenau.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
155.	Earl Haig.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
156.	Hythe.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
157.	Sharon.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
158.	Berry Creek.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
159.	Lucerne.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
160.	Sexsmith.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
		220	46	22	211	105	604

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. J. Harris, (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher stated that he was the accredited proxy for his lodge, Perfection No. 9. He noted that the Master and S. W. had registered, but neither of these two or the J.W. were present at this time. Therefore, he moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. B. Oakley (107), "That he, as proxy, be allowed to cast the votes of the lodge in the ensuing election."

The motion on being put was declared "Lost."

M. W. Bro. Connacher then stated that he wished his protest against the annulment of the votes of his lodge to be placed on record.

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had

been elected at their District Meetings and whose election was confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS, 1935

M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (44)	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay (59)	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Clare C. Hartman (16)	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Archibald West (7)	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Snaddon (83)	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. Geo. B. McLeod (142)	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. Wm. P. Griffiths (109)	Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. P. Fielding (38)	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R. W. Bro. Fred Parker (9)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R. W. Bro. John M. Courtney (133)	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robert Cockburn (81)	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. C. A. Watt (8)	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Geo. Y. Barnett \$43	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Clarence W. Carney (32)	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Joseph J. Watson (187)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58)	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Herbert S. McCartney (56)	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robt. MacQuarrie (90)	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R. W. Bro. John S. Collins (84)	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Thos. G. Govenlock (153)	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R. W. Bro. James K. Smith (116)	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R. W. Bro. David Dishan (82)	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Peter Raffan (113)	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Thos. M. McGarry (146)	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. John W. Chapman (46)	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)	High Prairie
R. W. Bro. A. C. Moore (56)	Castor
R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel (54)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. W. J. Kirby (151)	Rocky Mountain House
V. W. Bro. K. J. Morrison	Calgary

And for one year:

R. W. Bro. C. R. Bunn (29)	Red Deer
W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28)	Calgary

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28)	Calgary
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary

And for one year:

M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83)	Calgary
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APPOINTED OFFICERS, 1935

R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. Frederick C. Casselman (14)	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Thomas Watson (87)	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Emer A. Harper (86)	Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. Roland G. Vanderburg (51)	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. Thos. W. Matthews (59)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. John H. Clipson (44)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Geo. T. Montgomery (13)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Wilfred E. Addinell (18)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Frank Grandage (79)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Ralph C. Hargrave (70)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Clifton G. Purvis (69)	Grand Pursuivant

The newly elected and appointed officers present were duly installed and invested by M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes.

PRESENTATION

M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, Immediate Past Grand Master, with a set of Past Grand Master's regalia. M. W. Bro. Bowes suitably expressed his appreciation of the gift.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirtieth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 6:15 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



Grand Secretary.

GRAND OFFICERS, 1935

M.W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (44)	Grand Master
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R.W. Bro. (Dr.) V. Harold Macaulay (59).....	Deputy Grand Master
301 Leeson & Lineham Block, Calgary.	
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1304-15th Avenue West, Calgary.	
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10124-125th Street, Edmonton.	
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R.W. Bro. (Dr.) George Y. Barnett (43), Killam....	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Clarence W. Carney (32), Claresholm....	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Joseph J. Watson (157).....	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
616-14th St. S., Lethbridge.	
R.W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58), Box 11, Cardston.....	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
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Box 46, Castor.	
R.W. Bro. Robt. MacQuarrie (90).....	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
12049-95A Street, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. John S. Collins (84), Champion.....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Thos. G. Govenlock (153).....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
Box 37, Whitecourt.	
R.W. Bro. James K. Smith (116), Spirit River....	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. David Dishan (82), Youngstown.....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Peter H. Raffan (113).....	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
Box 122, Three Hills.	
R.W. Bro. Thos. M. McGarry (146), Drumheller....	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
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Masonic Temple, Calgary	
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V.W. Bro. Frederick C. Casselman (14).....	Senior Grand Deacon
607 Tegler Block, Edmonton	
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V.W. Bro. Roland G. Vanderburg (51).....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
11311-95A Street, Edmonton.	
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1716-11th Avenue W., Calgary.	
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V.W. Bro. George T. Montgomery (13), Ft. Saskatchewan.	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. (Dr.) Wilfred E. Addinell (18), Ponoka.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Frank Grandage (79), Loughheed.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Ralph Carl Hargrave (70), Redcliff.....	Grand Steward
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R.W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), Mulga.....	Grand Tyler

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Past Grand Masters

M.W. Bro. (Dr.) E. A. Braithwaite (7) (Honorary).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. (Dr.) R. S. Thornton (Honorary).....	Deloraine, Man.
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R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23).....	Calgary
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R.W. Bro. W. J. Kirby (151).....	Rocky Mountain House
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R.W. Bro. W. M. Peel (54).....	Calgary
V.W. Bro. K. J. Morrison (59).....	Calgary
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(*)—Term expires with Annual Communication, June, 1936.

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In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER GRAND LODGES



"The roll is called—called by the Master Builder."



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Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Arizona.....	Cromb, James Summerville, P.G.M.	Jan. 28, 1935
Arkansas.....	Hempstead, Fay, P.G.M., G.S.	Apr. 24, 1934
Colorado.....	Van Fleet, Marshall H., P.G.M.	July 7, 1934
Delaware.....	Guthrie, Harry J., P.G.M.	Sept. 6, 1934
Delaware.....	Stephenson, Robert K., P.G.M.	Jan. 25, 1935
Delaware.....	Bird, Charles D., P.G.M.	Jan. 16, 1935
Illinois.....	Burnap, Henry Thompson, P.G.M.	July 3, 1934
Iowa.....	Tripp, David R., P.G.M.	Apr. 21, 1935
Iowa.....	West, Jesse Alden, P.G.M.	May 3, 1935
Maine.....	Price, Wallace N., P.J.G.W.	June 16, 1934
Louisiana.....	Thomas, Lee E., P.G.M., G.S.	Feb. 18, 1935
Manitoba.....	Ovas, James Alexander, P.G.M., G.S.	Mar. 9, 1935
Michigan.....	Carton, John Jay, P.G.M.	Aug. 26, 1934
Mississippi.....	Moody, Irvin Miller, P.G.M., G.T.	May 12, 1935
Montana.....	Pomeroy, Charles Wn., P.G.M.	Apr. 10, 1935
Montana.....	Lewis, John E., S.G.W.	Dec. 7, 1934
Nova Scotia.....	Davis, Arthur James, P.G.M.	June 12, 1934
Nebraska.....	Tooley, John J., P.G.M.	July 31, 1934
North Dakota.....	Keyes, George H., P.G.M.	Mar. 6, 1935
Ohio.....	Smith, Matthew, P.G.M.	Dec. 6, 1934
Ohio.....	Queen, Asa, S.G.W.	Feb. 16, 1935
Oregon.....	Miller, Frank John, P.G.M.	June 14, 1934
Oregon.....	Cleland, John Bryson, P.G.M.	Jan. 21, 1935
Oregon.....	Wharton, Wm. G., G.T.	Nov. 19, 1934
Oregon.....	Grace, William Emory, P.G.M.	May 20, 1935
Porto Rico.....	Fuertes, Antomio C., P.G.M.	Sept. 17, 1934
Saskatchewan.....	Kingsbury, Duncan Addison, P.G.M.	Nov. 23, 1934
Saskatchewan.....	Hopkins, William, P.G.M.	Jan. 1, 1935
Tennessee.....	Rison, John Rush, P.G.M.	Mar. 19, 1935
Tennessee.....	Walker, William Alexander, D.G.M.,	Sept. 10, 1934
Texas.....	Bryan, Edwin Ruthven, P.G.W.	Dec. 16, 1934
Vermont.....	Elliott, David Adams, P.G.M., G.T.,	Jan. 9, 1935
West Virginia.....	Clark, Frank Wells, P.G.M.	June 17, 1934
West Virginia.....	Van Horn, Frank W., P.G.M.	Oct. 9, 1934
Wisconsin.....	Shaffer, C. E., P.G.M.	Jan. 10, 1935

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
OUR OWN JURISDICTION



*"Always in the valley
Shadows darkest lie:
But look up—the sunbeams
Gild a cloudless sky;
And while we sit grieving
In the shadows cold,
All the mountain's summit
Tinted is with gold."*

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To the Honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Bancroft, William.	Jan. 23, 1934
1.	Bow River.....	Wade Louis.....	Feb. 1, 1934
1.	Bow River.....	Blick, Chalres Augustus.....	July 20, 1934
1.	Bow River.....	Watts, Arthur J.....	Nov. 12, 1934
2.	Medicine Hat...	Roche, Carrew Morril H.....	Jan. 27, 1934
2.	Medicine Hat...	Hutchinson, Thomas.....	Apr. 13, 1934
2.	Medicine Hat...	Foster, Winfred F.....	Aug. 9, 1934
2.	Medicine Hat...	Preston, George.....	Sept. 20, 1934
2.	Medicine Hat...	Rice, Robert James.....	Nov. 19, 1934
2.	Medicine Hat...	Olden, James.....	Dec. 24, 1934
3.	Alberta.....	Clarke, Clifford H.....	Dec. 18, 1934
4.	North Star.....	MacKenzie, Ewan Cameron ...	Jan. 18, 1934
4.	North Star.....	Robison, George.....	Apr. 4, 1934
4.	North Star.....	Smith, Peter.....	Feb. 12, 1934
4.	North Star.....	Taylor, D. A.....	Mar. 27, 1934
4.	North Star.....	Goodwin, Frank... ..	Oct. 1, 1934
4.	North Star...	Hedley, Frank.....	Oct. 31, 1934
5.	Cascade.....	MacDonald, Donald.....	Feb. 28, 1934
5.	Cascade.....	Wilson, David Fray.....	Oct. 4, 1934
7.	Edmonton.....	McKecknie, David.....	Oct. 29, 1934
7.	Edmonton.....	Millar, James Archibald.....	Sept. 14, 1934
7.	Edmonton.	Terrill, Stanley N.....	Aug. 24, 1934
8.	Innisfail	Nelson, Elmer Nels.....	Mar. 8 1934
8.	Innisfail	Leslie, Frank Bedford.....	Apr. 26, 1934
9.	Perfection.....	Matthews, William.....	Jan. 17, 1934
9.	Perfection.....	McEwan, Alexander M.....	Feb. 1, 1934
9.	Perfection.....	Robie, Henry James.....	Feb. 2, 1934
9.	Perfection.....	Kirkland, Samuel James.....	Apr. 28, 1934
10.	Eureka.....	Ritson, Wilson.....	Aug. 28, 1934
10.	Eureka.....	Lindskog, Nels.....	Oct. 19, 1934
11.	Acacia.....	Christie, Robert H.....	Nov. 1, 1934
11.	Acacia.....	Roberts, Edward Gabel.....	Nov. 27, 1934
14.	Jasper.....	Bessey, Alfred Leonard.....	Oct. 26, 1934
16.	Mountain View.	Rathwell, Norman Lester.....	Jan. 9, 1934

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
17.	Nanton.....	McCoy, Arch Shears.....	Feb. 15, 1934
17.	Nanton.....	McIntyre, Peter.....	Apr. 20, 1934
17.	Nanton.....	Shaw, Hugh Murray.....	Apr. 3, 1934
17.	Nanton.....	Hanna, George Frederick.....	Oct. 16, 1934
18.	Britannia.....	Smith, Reuben.....	Mar. 6, 1934
18.	Britannia.....	Campbell, William Alexander...	Sept. 6, 1934
21.	King Hiram.....	Waite, Elmer Orchan.....	Apr. 7, 1934
21.	King Hiram.....	Levens, Larry Ashley.....	Sept. 16, 1934
21.	King Hiram.....	Hermanson, Hans.....	Oct. 16, 1934
22.	Corinthian.....	Bannister, Harold.....	Oct. 6, 1934
22.	Corinthian.....	Bagley, William S.....	Dec. 31, 1934
23.	Calgary.....	Cassie, Thomas Middler.....	Jan. 25, 1934
23.	Calgary.....	Scott, Frederick Samuel.....	Jan. 21, 1934
23.	Calgary.....	Woodall, Henry Burt.....	June 30, 1934
24.	Vermilion.....	Gibson, Walter.....	Mar. 2, 1934
25.	St. John's.....	Wilson, Frank.....	Mar. 28, 1934
25.	St. John's.....	Hughson, Richard Louis.....	Feb. 28, 1934
27.	Apollo.....	Mair, Charles.....	Apr. 27, 1934
28.	Ashlar.....	Attwood, Willaim.....	May 1, 1934
28.	Ashlar.....	Thorne, William James.....	Feb. 3, 1934
28.	Ashlar.....	Stevenson, John.....	Nov. 4, 1934
29.	Kenilworth.....	Humber, Henry Howarth.....	Dec. 31, 1933
32.	Cairo.....	Barclay, William.....	July 17, 1934
33.	Stavely.....	Hardy, Thomas.....	Aug. 4, 1934
35.	Mizpah.....	Ireland, Harold Sharwood.....	Jan. 24, 1933
39.	Lethbridge.....	Bell, Joseph Henderson.....	Jan. 31, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Lathrop, Otto Thor.....	Oct. 11, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Mulvey, Victor Charles.....	Oct. 9, 1934
41.	King Solomon.....	Waite, James.....	Aug. 18, 1934
41.	King Solomon.....	Bryant, Alfred H.....	Dec. 18, 1934
44.	Buffalo Park.....	Wiley, Stanley Edward.....	May 4, 1934
48.	Crossfield.....	Borton, Albert John.....	Nov. 18, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Wright, Thomas James.....	June 20, 1934
51.	Unity.....	McLeod, John Alexander.....	Sept. 3, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Wilkinson, George A.....	Nov. 20, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Cumming, Alexander.....	Dec. 20, 1934
53.	Strathmore.....	Girrin, Alfred Weller.....	June 10, 1934
53.	Strathmore.....	Miller, Frank K.....	Dec. 29, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	McKenzie, Duncan.....	Jan. 17, 1934
55.	Bassano.....	Worth, John Randolph.....	Apr. 12, 1934

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
55.	Bassano	O'Connor, Patrick J.	Aug. 3, 1934
57.	Grassy Lake	West, Otto W.	July 19, 1934
57.	Grassy Lake	Smeltzer, Sylvester	Aug. 3, 1934
58.	Chief Mountain	Harris, Samuel Alexander	Feb. 14, 1934
59.	King George	Duncan, Calder	Mar. 9, 1934
63.	Empire	Rendle, James Henry	Jan. 14, 1934
63.	Empire	Raitt, William Chas. H.	Dec. 16, 1934
64.	Bow Island	Henderson, Frederick J.	Aug. 5, 1934
64.	Bow Island	Taylor, Frederick W.	July , 1934
67.	Charity	Kerr, Andrew	Aug. 31, 1934
67.	Charity	Hawkins, William Henry	Sept. 2, 1933
68.	Edson	Inglis, Daniel S.	July 30, 1934
70.	Quarry	Barnes, Lionel F.	Mar. 7, 1934
70.	Quarry	Gray, William	Dec. 26, 1934
74.	Vulcan	Nelson, Harry	Jan. 21, 1934
75.	Harmony	Tye, Frank Warner	June 27, 1934
76.	Fidelity	Sproule, Neville	May 16, 1934
76.	Fidelity	Trayer, Benjamin Sr.	Aug. 2, 1934
77.	Strathcona	Fishbourne, Harold W.	July 31, 1934
78.	Hanna	Harrison, William George	Jan. 14, 1934
78.	Hanna	Swanson, Alfred Harry	Apr. 28, 1934
78.	Hanna	Haker, Frank	July 31, 1934
79.	Morning Star	Weir, Charles	Oct. 8, 1934
79.	Morning Star	Johnson, John Ray	Nov. 26, 1934
81.	Commercial	Tracy, Frank Wesley	May 4, 1934
83.	Zetland	Malone, Elias Talbot	Oct. 9, 1934
84.	Champion	Cooper, Herbert	Feb. 7, 1934
84.	Champion	Crawford, Enon Fernando	July 14, 1934
86.	Rocky Mountain	Johnson, Moses	Oct. 31, 1934
87.	Crescent	Wilson, George Smith	Mar. 5, 1934
87.	Crescent	Heathcote, Colin	Apr. 2, 1934
90.	Norwood	Gibbs, Charles Linoel	Sept. 4, 1934
91.	Patricia	Avenell, George T. E.	Apr. 20, 1934
91.	Patricia	Savage, John Gordon	June 3, 1934
91.	Patricia	Lampshire, William J.	Jan. 29, 1934
92.	Saskatchewan	Franklin, Robert Harry	Jan. 18, 1934
92.	Saskatchewan	Greenway, Albert	Nov. 26, 1934
93.	Symbol	Fitzpatrick, Thomas John	Aug. 29, 1934
96.	Dynamic	Farrell, Sarmuel J.	Dec. 31, 1934
100.	Verdigris	Coover, Cecil E.	Jan. 5, 1934

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
101.	West Edmonton.	Jones, Edward.....	Apr. 25, 1934
103.	Foremost.....	Whitney, Chester Wm.....	Apr. 23, 1934
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Hill, Thomas Walter.....	Mar. 16, 1934
116.	Spirit River.....	Shaw, Charles Forbes.....	Mar. 18, 1934
117.	Dominion.....	Leslie, John.....	Feb. 5, 1934
120.	Monitor.....	Grace, Athlestan.....	Feb. 6, 1934
120.	Monitor.....	Beebe, Samuel S.....	Feb. 5, 1934
126.	Pembina.....	Harrison, Ernest.....	Mar. 28, 1934
126.	Pembina.....	Rochfort, Gustavus Cooper.....	July 4, 1934
127.	Granite.....	Swartz, Frank Ethelbert.....	Sept. 30, 1934
130.	Hussar.....	Le Grandeur, Emery.....	Sept. 18, 1934
130.	Hussar.....	Anderson, Carl.....	Aug. 25, 1934
132.	Craigmyle.....	McHarg, George.....	July 3, 1934
133.	Manyberries.....	Dyke, Herbert.....	Jan. 29, 1934
135.	Alliance.....	Hall, Jackson Davis.....	Aug. 20, 1934
136.	Cresset.....	Frederickson, Peter B.....	May 18, 1934
138.	Onoway.....	Dunstall, Arthur James.....	Jan. 18, 1934
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Cunningham, William John.....	May 13, 1934
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Gorham, Raymond Roscoe.....	Aug. 20, 1934
151.	Lochearn.....	Lindsay, Cecil Rhodes.....	Apr. 6, 1934
156.	Hythe.....	McLeod, John Alexander.....	Sept. 3, 1934
156.	Hythe.....	Everton, Hohn Melton.....	Dec. 28, 1934

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River	Black, George	June 6, 1934
1.	Bow River	Choinard, Charles	June 6, 1934
1.	Bow River	Davidson, John Vair	June 6, 1934
1.	Bow River	Riddell, David Alexander	June 6, 1934
1.	Bow River	Stephens, William	June 6, 1934
1.	Bow River	Ventress, George R. H.	Dec. 5, 1934
2.	Medicine Hat	Cole, Edmond, Salter	Dec. 11, 1934
3.	Alberta	Vise, Robert	Jan. 17, 1934
3.	Alberta	MacGowan, Alfred James	Dec. 19, 1934
4.	North Star	McLean, George	Dec. 27, 1934
4.	North Star	McCreary, Clyde Charles	Dec. 27, 1934
4.	North Star	VanHorn, George Henry	Dec. 27, 1934
4.	North Star	Williams, Vincent Wynne	Dec. 27, 1934
6.	Spitzie	Marcellus, George Melvin	Jan. 2, 1934
6.	Spitzie	Jenkins, F. Herbert	Nov. 6, 1934
6.	Spitzie	Harland, Murton S.	Dec. 4, 1934
6.	Spitzie	McLean, Neil Archibald	Dec. 4, 1934
7.	Edmonton	McCorkindale, Donald McKay	June 12, 1934
7.	Edmonton	McLeod, George Henderson	June 12, 1934
7.	Edmonton	Norquay, Alexander	June 12, 1934
7.	Edmonton	Sloan, George Arthur	June 12, 1934
7.	Edmonton	Thomson, Mungo	June 12, 1934
7.	Edmonton	Watts, Clair M.	Dec. 11, 1934
7.	Edmonton	Campbell, A. Bower	Dec. 1, 1934
7.	Edmonton	McGavin, William	Dec. 11, 1934
8.	Innisfail	Alston, William A.	Dec. 20, 1934
8.	Innisfail	Cloakey, George H.	Dec. 20, 1934
8.	Innisfail	Cavers, Francis Vincent	Dec. 20, 1934
8.	Innisfail	Dundas, Andrew Sherrett	Dec. 20, 1934
8.	Innisfail	Downie, Colin Alexander	Dec. 20, 1934
8.	Innisfail	Schurman, Frederick Cecil	Dec. 20, 1934
8.	Innisfail	Van Norden Rinhardt	
		Leshart	Dec. 20, 1934
9.	Perfection	Betts, Albert Roy	May 19, 1934
9.	Perfection	Hudson, William Charles	May 19, 1934
9.	Perfection	Machin, Harold	May 19, 1934
9.	Perfection	McKay, Alexander B.	May 19, 1934
9.	Perfection	McDonald, Richard E.	May 19, 1934
9.	Perfection	McCauley, Thomas Henry	May 19, 1934
9.	Perfection	Tilley, Wilfred Merton	May 19, 1934
9.	Perfection	Willison, John A.	May 19, 1934
9.	Perfection	Watson, John Bains	May 19, 1934
11.	Acacia	Helleur, Edword Geo. Francis	June 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	Brookens, Clarence Weillington	June 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	Nelson, Christopher	June 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	McBride, William Strang	June 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	McCallum, John Harvey	June 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	Baldwin, William Septimus	Dec. 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	Frost, Leon Orlando	Dec. 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	Campbell, Graham Dawson	Dec. 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	Harris, Ernest H.	Dec. 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	Heward, Harry Burt	Dec. 11, 1934
11.	Acacia	Hickmott, Edward George	Dec. 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	Martin, Andrew Graham	Dec. 13, 1934
11.	Acacia	Thompson, Sidney Frank	Dec. 13, 1934

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12.	Red Deer	Geissinger, James Irwin	Mar. 13, 1934
12.	Red Deer	Grier, William Isaac	Mar. 13, 1934
12.	Red Deer	Leef, Edwin Charles	Mar. 13, 1934
12.	Red Deer	Martin, Andrew Mills	Mar. 13, 1934
12.	Red Deer	McKinnon, Jonathon Porter	Mar. 13, 1934
12.	Red Deer	Moore, Thomas	Mar. 13, 1934
14.	Jasper	Low, Alexander Grant	Dec. 10, 1934
15.	Wetaskiwin	Hall, Alfred Edward	Dec. 20, 1934
15.	Wetaskiwin	Finch, Horace Garfield	Nov. 15, 1934
15.	Wetaskiwin	Elliott, Robert Albert	Dec. 20, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Askins, Lorne Wilbert	June 4, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Davey, Thomas Harold	Dec. 27, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Cameron, John Hilliard	Dec. 27, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Overguard, Joakum	Dec. 27, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Churchill, E. Leroy	Dec. 27, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Harvey, Tom	Dec. 27, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Brown, Richard Cyril Osborne	Dec. 27, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Gerber, Paul Edward	Dec. 27, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Gilbertson, Peter Ferdinand	Dec. 27, 1934
16.	Mountain View	Adair, Ernest Harold	Dec. 27, 1934
17.	Nanton	Bingham, Hallie	May 10, 1934
17.	Nanton	Bryce, Ernest Grant	May 10, 1934
17.	Nanton	Wiley, John Henry	May 10, 1934
18.	Britannia	La France, Joseph G.	June 7, 1934
19.	Cornerstone	McLeary, Roderick Riddle	Dec. 20, 1934
19.	Cornerstone	Elliot, Walter Durham	Dec. 20, 1934
19.	Cornerstone	McKoen, Cyril Dexter	Dec. 20, 1934
19.	Cornerstone	Peterson, Ora Franklin	Dec. 20, 1934
19.	Cornerstone	Sutherland, Percy Roy	Dec. 20, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Idington, Peter S.	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Simpson, Samuel Verner	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Howey, Henry	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Robinson, Edmund	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Call, Clifford Ernest G.	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Morris, Joseph Henry Jr.	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Stickland, Harry	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Ullman, Lyle S.	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Jones, George Edward	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Wickens, Charlton Gibb	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Hovis, Millard E.	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Bennett, George Earl	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Scruggs, Joseph Murphy	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Campbell, Colin Alexander	Dec. 4, 1934
22.	Corinthian	Lewis, Clement, Sherwood	Dec. 4, 1934
23.	Calgary	Callum, Albert Douglas	May 4, 1934
23.	Calgary	Dafoe, James Homer	May 4, 1934
23.	Calgary	Moore, Wilmot Ernest	May 4, 1934
23.	Calgary	Slight, Thomas Arthur	May 4, 1934
25.	St. John's	McFarland, Anthony Wayne	Dec. 3, 1934
26.	Sentinel	Berry, William Wilfred	Dec. 13, 1934
26.	Sentinel	Carson, William	Dec. 13, 1934
26.	Sentinel	McDonald, Donald	Dec. 13, 1934
27.	Apollo	Eversole, Henry Bryant	Dec. 3, 1934
27.	Apollo	Fitzpatrick, Charles A.	Dec. 3, 1934
27.	Apollo	Hare, John Russell	Dec. 3, 1934
27.	Apollo	McKay, John Alexander	Dec. 3, 1934
27.	Apollo	Adair, Leonides Hair	Dec. 3, 1934

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27.	Apollo.....	Turner, Percy Thompson.....	Dec. 3, 1934
27.	Apollo.....	Assumsson, August.....	Dec. 3, 1934
28.	Ashlar.....	Fraser, Henry W.....	Dec. 13, 1934
28.	Ashlar.....	Gillilan, Fred A.....	Dec. 13, 1934
28.	Ashlar.....	Parker, Robert E.....	Dec. 13, 1934
28.	Ashlar.....	Symmons, William.....	Dec. 13, 1934
28.	Ashlar.....	Cross, Robert A.....	Dec. 13, 1934
29.	Kenilworth.....	Brebber, Will C.....	Apr. 3, 1934
29.	Kenilworth.....	Clark, William Keith.....	Apr. 3, 1934
29.	Kenilworth.....	Campbell, John McGregor.....	Apr. 3, 1934
29.	Kenilworth.....	Colpitts, Lawrence Merrill.....	May 1, 1934
29.	Kenilworth.....	Roberts, Walter.....	May 1, 1934
30.	Summit.....	Hill, Dalton James.....	June 7, 1934
30.	Summit.....	Horne, Thomas.....	J7ne 7, 1934
33.	Stavely.....	Rae, Archibald Watson.....	Jan. 2, 1934
33.	Stavely.....	Northwood, Nathaniel.....	May 1, 1934
34.	Star of the West.....	Dewar, Edward.....	May 1, 1934
34.	Star of the West.....	MacKinnon, Murdock M.....	May 1, 1934
34.	Star of the West.....	Phillips, Ferrier W.....	May 1, 1934
35.	Mizpah.....	Hoag, Robert.....	Dec. 18, 1934
35.	Mizpah.....	Riley, Christopher.....	Dec. 18, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Cronk, Henry Kenneth.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Ferguson, William Foster.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Hamar, Harry.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Koefoed, Leroy.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Livingston, L. MacL.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	MacConnell, William.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	MacLeay, Angus Norman.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	MacQueen, Russel Scott.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Mace, George Leslie.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Sharpe, Frank C.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Towers, A. Sylvester.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Valk, John.....	June 5, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Brubaker, Everitt William.....	Nov. 6, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Robertson, William H.....	Dec. 4, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Saunders, William.....	Dec. 4, 1934
37.	Camrose.....	Ohlsen, Daniel Christian.....	June 14, 1934
37.	Camrose.....	Braden, Hans O.....	June 13, 1934
37.	Camrose.....	Foucar, Harry P.....	Mar. 8, 1934
37.	Camrose.....	Kirby, James Thomas Henry.....	Mar. 8, 1934
37.	Camrose.....	Carey, Owen Lewis.....	Mar. 8, 1934
37.	Camrose.....	William, John O.....	June 14, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Brander, Alastair I.....	Dec. 20, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Kerr, George Outhit.....	Dec. 20, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Knapp, Frank.....	Dec. 20, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Harrison, Henry O.....	Dec. 20, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Radford, Daniel.....	Dec. 20, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Mitchell, Steve B.....	Dec. 20, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Jordon, Frank P.....	Dec. 20, 1934
41.	King Solomon.....	Staley, Edgar John.....	Mar. 1, 1934
46.	Palestine.....	Sinclair, Albert George.....	Jan. 17, 1934
46.	Palestine.....	Hobson, Charles Victor.....	Jan. 17, 1934
46.	Palestine.....	Spilsted, Herbert.....	Jan. 17, 1934
46.	Palestine.....	Wicks, Charles Gustave.....	Nov. 21, 1934
46.	Palestine.....	Carver, James Jr.....	Nov. 21, 1934
46.	Palestine.....	Smith, Cormack.....	Nov. 21, 1934
46.	Palestine.....	McClurg, William Clare.....	Nov. 21, 1934

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47.	Chinook.....	Coates, Richard.....	Dec. 19, 1934
48.	Crossfield.....	Cavander, James.....	June 26, 1934
49.	Robert Burns.....	Almquist, Harry Oliver.....	Dec. 1, 1933
50.	Comet.....	Densmore, Harlam T.....	Jan. 11, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Auld, Thomas Campbell.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Bishop, Charles Fraser.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Bounds, Samuel Arthur.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Brand, Samuel Allan.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Casey, Arthur John.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Clapham, Albert Wilkinson.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Cook, Thomas Henry.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Darling, Walter M.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Davis, Darl Colby.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Davis, Thomas Searl Stark.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Dewar, Robert A.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Howlett, John Hugo.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Hunt, Albert A.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Leat, William John.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Leith, Edward Hall.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Lush, Aubrey.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	McGillp, Findlay J.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	McLean, John Daniel.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	McLellan, Robert Grant.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Rattray, Thomas James Martin.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Reichelt, Harry C.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Roberts, Alfred Augustus Theodore.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Silverwood, L. W. Fisher.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Thorne, Hubert.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Tredway, Jesse Ward.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Walters, Alfred.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Wilcock, Charles E.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Yochim, William.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Bower, Roy N.....	Sept. 4, 1934
51.	Unity.....	McQueen, Robert.....	Sept. 4, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Marshall, Walter.....	Sept. 4, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Fulcher, David Howard.....	Sept. 4, 1934
53.	Strathmore.....	Dalgarno, John.....	Dec. 3, 1934
53.	Strathmore.....	Egeland, Lars Siguard.....	Dec. 3, 1934
53.	Strathmore.....	Fortner, Runel Douglas Henry.....	Dec. 3, 1934
54.	Moung Lebanon.....	Booth, Albert.....	Mar. 13, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Boyer, Felix Anthony.....	Mar. 13, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Campbell, Archibald T.....	Mar. 13, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Keane, George Edward.....	Mar. 13, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	McGrath, John.....	Mar. 13, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Coleman, George Prime.....	June 12, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Colbeck, Percy Robert.....	June 12, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Sweet, Albert Philip.....	June 12, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Law, John S.....	Oct. 11, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Steel, Robert.....	Oct. 11, 1934
55.	Bassano.....	Allan, Jack.....	Nov. 13, 1934
55.	Bassano.....	MacDonald, Donald.....	Nov. 13, 1934
55.	Bassano.....	MacKenzie, Thomas William.....	Nov. 13, 1934
55.	Bassano.....	Nock, Harold W.....	Nov. 13, 1934
55.	Bassano.....	Stucky, William S.....	Nov. 13, 1934
56.	Beaver.....	Westergaard, Alf. Norman.....	Dec. 5, 1934

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56.	Beaver	Schwartz, Adolph	Dec. 5, 1934
56.	Beaver	Westcott, Aloah Lellery	Dec. 5, 1934
59.	King George	Swann, George A.	Jan. 21, 1934
59.	King George	Shepherd, James	Jan. 12, 1934
59.	King George	Baldwin, James	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	Black, Amos H.	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	Bond, Sydney Thomas	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	Daniel, George	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	Hodge, James	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	McDonald, George W. F.	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	McFarlane, John	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	Oreck, Harry	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	Speechley, James T.	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	Young, William	June 8, 1934
59.	King George	Webster, Alfred H.	Oct. 13, 1934
59.	King George	Campbell, Danile E. C.	Nov. 9, 1934
59.	King George	Donaldson, William	Nov. 9, 1934
59.	King George	Kerslake, Albert E.	Nov. 9, 1934
60.	Acme	Brown, Leonard Douglas	June 21, 1934
61.	Provost	Yager, Milton Cairns	April 18, 1934
63.	Empire	Betts, James E.	Feb. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	Butters, Peter White	Feb. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	DeVall, Claude Lionel	Feb. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	Richards, Albert George	Feb. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	Sayle, Charles	Feb. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	Bell, James Arnold	Nov. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	Currey, Wilfred	Nov. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	Jones, Leonard	Nov. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	Shaw, J. Josiah	Nov. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	Stentel, John Cornelius	Nov. 19, 1934
63.	Empire	Turner, John Davenall	Nov. 19, 1934
66.	St. Andrews	Milne, John Stewart	Dec. 13, 1934
67.	Charity	McGregor, Thomas	Dec. 27, 1934
67.	Charity	Rea, William John	Dec. 27, 1934
67.	Charity	Dougall, James McLutye	Dec. 27, 1934
67.	Charity	Parsons, Henry Robert	Dec. 27, 1934
68.	Edson	Davidson, Albert McIntosh	Nov. 1, 1934
68.	Edson	Davidson, Albert McIntosh	Nov. 1, 1934
68.	Edson	Bjerknes, John F.	Nov. 1, 1934
68.	Edson	Nicol, George	Nov. 1, 1934
68.	Edson	Sims, James Elmir	Nov. 1, 1934
69.	Connaught	Gravert, Henry	May 29, 1934
69.	Connaught	Orr, Andrew	May 29, 1934
69.	Connaught	Hoskins, George Edward	May 29, 1934
69.	Connaught	Runyon, Benjamin William	May 29, 1934
69.	Connaught	Cummings, Malcolm	May 29, 1934
71.	Tawatinaw	Fletcher, Gordon W.	Mar. 1, 1934
71.	Tawatinaw	Mills, George	Mar. 1, 1934
73.	Brooks	Ferguson, Andrew Malcolm	Jan. 16, 1934
73.	Brooks	Welsh, John	Jan. 16, 1934
76.	Fidelity	Beeman, Samuel D.	July 24, 1934
76.	Fidelity	Forster, Garfield	July 24, 1934
76.	Fidelity	Zachary, Roy R.	July 24, 1934
77.	Strathcona	Birch, Frank	Dec. 14, 1934
77.	Strathcona	McAllister, Roy	Dec. 14, 1934
77.	Strathcona	Tiplin, Wilfred J.	Dec. 14, 1934
79.	Morning Star	Gillies, Charles	Mar. 1, 1934

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79.	Morning Star	Maxfield, Colin	Dec. 20, 1934
81.	Commercial	Moyes, Earlon Stillman	Mar. 3, 1934
81.	Commercial	Benson, Edmund Helgason	Mar. 3, 1934
81.	Commercial	McCurdy, Daniel Miller	Mar. 3, 1934
81.	Commercial	Daws, John Wesley	Mar. 8, 1934
81.	Commercial	McLeod, John George	Mar. 3, 1934
82.	Acadia	Thomson, Donald C.	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Cummings, William S.	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Tuttle, Manford E.	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	McDonall, Steve	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Gordon, Delbert B.	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Walters, Philip E.	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Berry, Albert Edward	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Boulter, Edward	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Stewart, Clifford Arthur	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Gibbs, Joseph Clyde	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Alward, Azor H.	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Elford, Morlie Harold	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Springbett, Edward V.	June 26, 1934
83.	Zetland	Wilmot, Benjamine E. W.	Apr. 5, 1934
83.	Zetland	Holmes, Chales Henry	Apr. 5, 1934
83.	Zetland	Cloakey, Oral Douglas	Apr. 5, 1934
83.	Zetland	Findlay, George McMurray	Apr. 5, 1934
83.	Zetland	Jamieson, James Russell	Apr. 5, 1934
83.	Zetland	McIlroy, Harry Morton	Apr. 5, 1934
84.	Champion	Carlson, John Edward	Mar. 8, 1934
84.	Champion	McNaughton, Harry	Feb. 8, 1934
84.	Champion	Roberts, Arthur S.	Feb. 8, 1934
84.	Champion	Watkins, Ira E.	Nov. 8, 1934
87.	Crescent	Gadsden, Arthur L.	Dec. 11, 1934
87.	Crescent	Gauld, James C. B.	Dec. 11, 1934
87.	Crescent	Kirkby, Raymond R.	Dec. 11, 1934
87.	Crescent	Nixon, Robert R.	Dec. 11, 1934
87.	Crescent	Parry, John C.	Dec. 1, 1934
87.	Crescent	Rankin, R. Charles	Dec. 11, 1934
87.	Crescent	Reed, John T.	Dec. 11, 1934
88.	Wahpun	Rimstad, Albert	Sept. 27, 1934
89.	Peace River	Cohen, Cavid	Dec. 12, 1934
90.	Norwood	McIntosh, William Forbes	Jan. 9, 1934
90.	Norwood	Cundall, Robert W.	Jan. 9, 1934
90.	Norwood	Herd, Alexander M.	Dec. 11, 1934
90.	Norwood	Muir, David	Dec. 1, 1934
90.	Norwood	Brown, Frederick	Dec. 1, 1934
90.	Norwood	Ruid, Terence Channing H.	Dec. 11, 1934
91.	Patricia	Buchanan, Samuel J.	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	Babb, John F.	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	Ball, Frederick William	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	Cramer, Robert David	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	Jackson, Frank	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	Kirby, Alfred Albert	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	Lee, Lyman	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	MacLeod, George W.	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	Phelps, Laurence N.	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	Thompson, Joel Foster	June 15, 1934
91.	Patricia	Taylor, Reginald D.	Dec. 21, 1934
92.	Saskatchewan	Scott, Edward Beverage	Sept. 13, 1934
93.	Symbol	White, George R.	Apr. 12, 1934

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93.	Symbol	McAdoo, William J.	Apr. 12, 1934
93.	Symbol	Weymark, James Henry	Apr. 12, 1934
93.	Symbol	Fisher, Samuel	Oct. 11, 1934
93.	Symbol	Cartledge, George F.	Nov. 8, 1934
93.	Symbol	Robb, Chales Miller	Dec. 13, 1934
93.	Symbol	Teeple, William John	Dec. 13, 1934
101.	West Edmonton	Coulman, Walter O.	June 30, 1934
101.	West Edmonton	Fearn, James	June 30, 1934
101.	West Edmonton	Jones, Walton H.	Feb. 7, 1934
101.	West Edmonton	Hurman, Roland	Jan. 3, 1934
101.	West Edmonton	Blake, William	Dec. 5, 1934
103.	Foremost	Bain, John William	Nov. 7, 1934
104.	Oyen	Willsie, John Albert	Dec. 7, 1934
104.	Oyen	Linklater, William	Dec. 7, 1934
104.	Oyen	Logan, Francis J.	Dec. 7, 1934
104.	Oyen	Wright, Charles S.	Dec. 7, 1934
104.	Oyen	May, Donald E.	Dec. 7, 1934
104.	Oyen	Cunningham, John S.	Dec. 7, 1934
104.	Oyen	Watrous, William E.	Dec. 7, 1934
104.	Oyen	McQuarrie, John Cecil	Dec. 7, 1934
105.	Grande Prairie	Castle, Philip Henry	Feb. 21, 1934
105.	Grande Prairie	Cunningham, William Walbridge	Feb. 21, 1934
105.	Grande Prairie	Brubacker, Herbert James	Feb. 21, 1934
105.	Grande Prairie	Hammond, Harold Foster	Feb. 21, 1934
114.	Westlock	Bauer, George	Nov. 29, 1933
117.	Dominion	Johnson, George A.	Dec. 12, 1934
117.	Dominion	Howell, Reginald Wayne	Dec. 12, 1934
117.	Dominion	Blair, Thomas	Dec. 12, 1934
119.	York	Christie, Harry Alexander	Jan. 2, 1934
119.	York	Williams, George Ledgerwood	Feb. 6, 1934
119.	York	Smith, Allan Noble	Jan. 2, 1934
119.	York	Parkes, Paul Vincent	Jan. 2, 1934
119.	York	Hubbs, Joseph C.	Feb. 6, 1934
119.	York	Faichney, Thomas Taylor	Apr. 6, 1934
119.	York	Barry, Joseph Jicks	Dec. 4, 1934
119.	York	Hines, James Harry	Dec. 4, 1934
119.	York	Russell, Ludson	Dec. 4, 1934
119.	York	Wallace, Harvey	Dec. 4, 1934
119.	York	Moor, Herbert William	Dec. 4, 1934
120.	Monitor	Stewart, Claud O.	May 31, 1934
120.	Monitor	Marchbank, William	May 31, 1934
120.	Monitor	Predue, William Frederick	May 31, 1934
120.	Monitor	Huston, Wesley C.	May 31, 1934
120.	Monitor	Partridge, Thomas	May 31, 1934
120.	Monitor	Fisher, H. Nomran	May 31, 1934
120.	Monitor	Petersen, Carl A.	May 31, 1934
120.	Monitor	Munroe, Lowell	May 31, 1934
120.	Monitor	Taylor, James	Dec. 20, 1934
120.	Monitor	Brown, David Allen	Dec. 20, 1934
120.	Monitor	Foster, Alfred James	Dec. 20, 1934
122.	Rising Sun	Wilde, John	Dec. 27, 1934
122.	Rising Sun	Wilde, Arnold	Dec. 27, 1934
122.	Rising Sun	Todd, George Charles	Dec. 27, 1934
123.	Rockyford	Wise, John Ambrose	Dec. 10, 1934
124.	Concord	Cuthbertson, James R.	June 2, 1934
124.	Concord	Whitehead, Joseph	June 2, 1934

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124.	Concord.....	Carmichael, John Vere.....	June 2, 1934
125.	Cavell.....	Franklin, Arthur Francis.....	Oct. 18, 1934
125.	Cavell.....	Page, Percy Edgar.....	Oct. 18, 1934
125.	Cavell.....	Thompson, Gerlad K.....	Oct. 18, 1934
132.	Craigmyle.....	Burrell, Preston.....	Sept. 18, 1934
134.	Renfrew.....	Adams, John B.....	Dec. 10, 1934
134.	Renfrew.....	Fralick, Wilfred Saul.....	Dec. 10, 1934
134.	Renfrew.....	Percy, James A.....	Dec. 10, 1934
143.	Jasper Park.....	Langford, Richard.....	Oct. 11, 1934
155.	Earl Haig.....	Thompson, David.....	Apr. 11, 1934
155.	Earl Haig.....	Van Dam, John.....	Apr. 11, 1934
155.	Earl Haig.....	Morris, John.....	Apr. 11, 1934
156.	Hythe.....	Austin, Alfred James.....	Nov. 29, 1934
156.	Hythe.....	Carlin, Harry Alan.....	Nov. 29, 1934
156.	Hythe.....	Lacey, Charles Gambell.....	Dec. 27, 1934
156.	Hythe.....	McClelland, Saumel Herbert.....	Dec. 27, 1934
157.	Sharon.....	Rosenbaum, Jacob Peter.....	Feb. 28, 1934
157.	Sharon.....	King, Samuel David.....	Nov. 28, 1934
159.	Lucerne.....	Brown, Thomas Easton.....	May 1, 1934

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Robertson, Francis Murray.....	Nov. 3, 1934
1.	Bow River.....	Choinard, Charles.....	Aug. 31, 1934
3.	Alberta.....	Nixon, George Alsgar Fitz- gerald.....	May 16, 1934
4.	North Star.....	Reid, Arthur.....	Apr. 9, 1934
5.	Cascade.....	Sutherland, Claude Kehle.....	June 14, 1934
7.	Edmonton.....	Rankin, Alexander.....	Sept. 11, 1934
7.	Edmonton.....	Hanson, Elmer J.....	Sept. 11, 1934
7.	Edmonton.....	Butler, Edward Bell.....	Sept. 11, 1934
9.	Perfection.....	Bullough, John.....	Sept. 18, 1934
11.	Acacia.....	White, George Wilber.....	Oct. 11, 1934
12.	Red Deer.....	Smith, Daniel A.....	Mar. 13, 1934
14.	Jasper.....	Keeler, Joseph Frederick Wm.....	June 11, 1934
14.	Jasper.....	Silverman, Gerlad.....	Dec. 11, 1934
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	McMurdo, Charles B.....	Dec. 20, 1934
19.	Cornerstone.....	Coleman, Frederick Herbert.....	Feb. 15, 1934
19.	Cornerstone.....	Spankie, Herbert Langtry.....	Nov. 15, 1934
23.	Calgary.....	Slamon, Morley Cuthbert.....	Sept. 7, 1934
29.	Kenilworth.....	Burns, William.....	Sept. 1, 1934
30.	Summit.....	Slingsby, Sidney.....	May 3, 1934
33.	Stavley.....	Rae, Archibald Watson.....	Feb. 2, 1934
36.	Gleichen.....	Tucker, Silas W.....	Dec. 27, 1934
39.	Lethbridge.....	Ronald, Roderick W.....	Dec. 20, 1934
48.	Crossfield.....	Becker, George.....	June 26, 1934
48.	Crossfield.....	Vaughn, Walter Rudolph.....	Oct. 16, 1934
49.	Robert Burns.....	Hyslop, William Kenneth.....	Jan. 8, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Airth, William Blair.....	June 5, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Wilberwood, L. W. Fisher.....	Nov. 6, 1934
51.	Unity.....	Dewar, Robert A.....	Dec. 4, 1934
51.	Unity.....	McLean, John Daniel.....	Dec. 4, 1934

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
51.	Unity	Wilcock, Charles Edward	Oct. 2, 1934
53.	Strathmore	Thompson, John	Jan. 8, 1934
54.	Mount Lebanon	Gurr, Charles James	Sept. 11, 1934
55.	Bassano	Pool, Ralph W.	Feb. 9, 1934
57.	Grassy Lake	Ellingson, John O.	Dec. 13, 1934
59.	King George	Kerslake, Albert E.	Dec. 14, 1934
60.	Acme	Shillam, Percy S.	June 21, 1934
60.	Acme	Bannerman, William Thomas	Nov. 20, 1934
63.	Empire	Weaver, Frederick A.	Jan. 15, 1934
64.	Bow Island	Rolph, Allan Donald	June .., 1934
70.	Quarry	Courtnell, Frederick H.	May 1, 1934
70.	Quarry	Munroe, Andrew P.	Oct. 2, 1934
71.	Tawatinaw	Milne, James Maurice	Feb. 1, 1934
71.	Tawatinaw	Henry, J. C.	Jan. 4, 1934
73.	Brooks	Welsh, John	May 15, 1934
75.	Harmony	Starling, Oliver W.	Oct. 22, 1934
77.	Strathcona	Madill, John S.	Mar. 9, 1934
77.	Strathcona	Bergey, Simon A.	Apr. 27, 1934
77.	Strathcona	Dowley, William B. K.	Mar. 9, 1934
82.	Acadia	Sully, John A.	June 26, 1934
82.	Acadia	Boulter, Edward	July 24, 1934
89.	Peace River	Jackson, Frederick Charles	Jan. 10, 1934
89.	Peace River	McKinnon, James A.	Feb. 14, 1934
89.	Peace River	Hatfield, Aubrey C.	Oct. 10, 1934
91.	Patricia	Glenton, James	Feb. 16, 1934
91.	Patricia	Kerrison, Niles Davenport	May 18, 1934
92.	Saskatchewan	Nesbitt, Everett Melville	Oct. 11, 1934
93.	Symbol	White, George R.	Oct. 11, 1934
107.	Carbon	Boyle, Robert Atwell	Dec. 18, 1934
124.	Concord	Weldon, Robert Vinton	Jan. 6, 1934
126.	Pembina	Gilles, Wilbur	June 4, 1934
126.	Pembina	Way, Carroll Clayton	Oct. 1, 1934
126.	Pembina	Rochfort, Gustavus Cooper	June 4, 1934

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1.	Bow River.....	J. B. King.....	R. Swift.....	143-6th St. N. W., Calgary.....	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat.....	H. O. Parkes.....	W. H. Williams.....	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta.....	J. R. Hunt.....	G. R. Davis.....	Macleod.....	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star.....	E. H. Fleetwood.....	E. J. Fauch.....	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge.....	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade.....	C. C. Fowers.....	W. E. Ward.....	Pucher Creek.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
6.	Spokane.....	T. J. Cumberland.....	W. A. Fraser.....	Box 70, Banff.....	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton.....	A. Souther.....	F. Barnhouse.....	Box 34, Edmonton.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail.....	R. R. Dial.....	H. Hodge (Actg.).....	Innisfail.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
9.	Perfection.....	D. A. Ross.....	S. L. McCracken.....	1014-6th Ave. W., Calgary.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka.....	G. T. Jackson.....	Jesse Fraser.....	Lacombe.....	First Wednesday in each month.
11.	Acacia.....	A. E. Ottewell.....	C. W. Lilley.....	1030-81st Ave., Edmonton.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer.....	R. A. Lund.....	A. G. Ayres.....	Red Deer.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria.....	C. R. W. Mager.....	H. N. Carscadden.....	Fort Saskatchewan.....	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14.	Jasper.....	G. L. Parney.....	H. Sandilands.....	9258-91st St., Edmonton.....	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	P. J. Blundell.....	Harry G. Smith.....	Wetaskiwin.....	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Mountain View.....	John Anton Hammer.....	Dr. C. C. Hartman.....	Okla.....	First Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton.....	Wm. Roney.....	W. H. Allan.....	Nanton.....	Third Friday in each month.
18.	Britannia.....	F. F. Young.....	R. W. McWilliam.....	Ponoka.....	First Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone.....	D. A. Fraser.....	John Miller.....	P. O. Drawer 5, High River.....	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs.....	G. T. Haag.....	A. S. Gough.....	Carstairs.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
21.	King Hiram.....	T. G. Johnson.....	H. Morgan.....	Didsbury.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian.....	H. L. Fyfe.....	G. C. S. Paterson.....	Okotoks.....	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Vermilion.....	A. A. Douglas.....	J. A. McBurney.....	915-19th Ave. W., Calgary.....	First Friday in each month.
24.	St. John's.....	M. Hill.....	J. W. G. Morrison.....	Vermilion.....	First Monday in each month.
25.	Sentinel.....	J. McCrea.....	F. W. Laing.....	Hillcrest.....	Second Thursday in each month.
26.	Apollon.....	R. E. Donkin.....	H. O. Westrup.....	Stettler.....	First Monday in each month.
27.	Ashlar.....	J. K. Breunen.....	C. B. Morton.....	808-16th Ave. W., Calgary.....	Second Thursday in each month.
28.	Kenilworth.....	F. Soper.....	Rev. W. T. H. Cripps.....	Red Deer.....	First Tuesday in each month.
29.	Summit.....	A. D. McCune.....	Rev. W. T. H. Cooke.....	Coleman.....	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Doric.....	A. J. Brown.....	A. M. W. Cooke.....	Taber.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
31.	Caro.....	W. J. Rose.....	J. B. Humphreys.....	Clareholm.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
32.	Star of the West.....	H. A. Gates.....	M. E. Malchow.....	Leduc.....	First Tuesday in each month.
33.	Altriph.....	John E. Brown.....	A. G. Edwards.....	645-2nd Street, Medicine Hat.....	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Gleichen.....	T. R. Osborne.....	A. G. Finch.....	Gleichen.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
35.	W. M. Sommerville.....	W. M. Sommerville.....	T. H. Beach (Actg.).....	Manrose.....	Second Thursday in each month.
36.	Hopewell.....	H. Bertles.....	F. E. Bailey.....	Manrose.....	Monday, on or before full moon.
37.	Hope.....	C. L. Townsend.....	W. N. Crooks.....	Manville.....	Third Thursday in each month.
38.	Lethbridge.....	C. W. Boulton.....	E. J. Rossiter.....	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge.....	Second Thursday in each month.
39.	Joppa.....	A. Ostrom.....	O. H. Edwarch.....	Granum.....	Second Thursday in each month.

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41.	King Solomon	D. Murray	A. Moore	Cochrane	Thursday, on or before full moon.
42.	Bowden	J. A. Sheffield	A. L. Boyd	Bowden	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
43.	Tuscan	R. Fox	Harward Smith	Killam	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park	H. P. Schlitt	J. C. McKenae	Wainwright	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45.	Ionian	A. E. Hollings	W. C. Talman	Alix	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palatine	A. A. Baines	L. W. Smith	Tofield	Third Wednesday in each month.
47.	Chinook	M. A. Murphy	A. G. M. Swart	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield	J. M. Williams	R. M. McCool	Crossfield	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
49.	Robert Burns	H. S. Parker	W. Dayman	Carmanagay	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Comet	M. E. McCulloch	L. W. Ingram	Hardisty	Second Tuesday in each month.
51.	Unity	W. R. Roberts	D. McIntosh	9832-107th St., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Strathmore	O. G. Craig	W. S. Paterson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
53.	Mount Lebanon	W. M. Nicol	A. Lees	220-15th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Basano	J. R. Donaldson	H. H. Beeber	Basano	First Wednesday in each month.
55.	Beaver	T. Lane	T. A. Marshall	Castor	Second Tuesday in each month.
56.	Grassy Lake	D. J. Burns	W. E. McNevin	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
57.	Chief Mountain	H. Fillen	W. M. Betts	P. O. Box 11, Cardston	Third Tuesday in each month.
58.	King George	V. J. Wood	V. Cunliffe	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
59.	Acme	H. G. Way	M. Carlyle	Acme	Thursday, on or before full moon.
60.	Provost	W. E. Hughes	Wm. G. Fox	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
61.	Coal	A. C. Anderson	N. L. Kvittum	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month.
62.	Empire	Wm. Heron	T. W. Bull	10433 Saskatchewan Dr., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
63.	Bow Island	G. R. Calder	Wm. Hyland	Row Island	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
64.	Diamond City	F. H. Fuller	F. B. Fuller	Kipp	First Thursday in each month.
65.	St. Andrew's	D. A. MacMillan	D. W. Mathers	Trochu	Second Tuesday in each month.
66.	Charity	J. Morton	Chas. Barrett	530-12th St. A. N., Lethbridge	First Thursday in each month.
67.	Edson	J. Bryson	F. C. Glover	P. O. Box 110, Edson	Second Tuesday in each month.
68.	Connaught	Horace Rollans	E. Primm	Viking	First Thursday in each month.
69.	Quarry	A. E. Sanderson	J. R. W. Cann	Redcliff	Tuesday nearest full moon.
70.	Tawadnaw	J. Remmon	J. D. Galloway	Alhambra	First Tuesday in each month.
71.	Coronation	B. Luca	F. W. Fleming	Coronation	Thursday, on or before full moon.
72.	Brooms	W. McBeth	F. C. E. Anderson	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
73.	Vulcan	W. D. Allan	F. M. Anderson	Vulcan	First Tuesday in each month.
74.	Warren	F. A. Butt	W. C. Reed	Beetzwick	Monday, on or before full moon.
75.	Edley	J. R. Hume	J. A. Marshall	Beetzwick	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
76.	Strathcona	W. H. Hildsworth	H. C. Neil	1939-51st Ave., Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.
77.	Morning Star	J. E. Smith	C. P. Odell	Hanna	First Wednesday in each month.
78.	Eschaler	S. G. Smith-Gander	H. V. Phipps	Lougeed	Thursday, on or before full moon.
79.	Commercial	W. H. G. Sinclair	Robt. Gresham	Box 35, Strome	Thursday, on or before full moon.
80.	Acadia	I. D. Barton	C. R. Martin	10124-123th St., Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
81.	Zeland	T. Baile	I. R. Cameron	1312-7th St., N.W., Calgary	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
82.	Champion	J. H. Higgins	G. L. Dupuis	Champion	First Thursday in each month.
83.					Second Thursday in each month.

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86.	Rocky Mountain	J. R. McLeod	E. A. Harper	Blainmore	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crescent	W. Garner	M. Currie	807-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wabun	S. Harris	C. A. Walker	P. O. Box 424, High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River	C. W. Campsall	T. A. Norris	Peace River	Second Wednesday in each month.
90.	Norwood	V. C. Marshall	W. Horrocks	3 Chatham Apts., 10033-107th St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia	M. S. Eby	John Henning	Box 581, Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	A. F. Coburn	E. Hollingsworth	9721-46th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	J. H. Weir	L. A. Bennett	Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont	J. E. Harkins	L. B. Adams	Drumheller	First Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	Wm. Scrimgeour	H. N. Taylor	Rimney	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynamic	G. H. Shieman	N. L. Campbell	Holmes	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	C. E. Miller	E. B. Atkins	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	J. A. Carter	D. H. Campbell	Debia	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99.	Verdigris	S. A. Hulme	F. A. Bartram	Milk River	Fourth Thursday in each month.
100.	West Edmonton	J. W. Bate	W. MacKenzie	12774-115th St., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
101.	Edgerton	R. H. Pawsey	G. I. Sawyer (Actg.)	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
102.	Foremost	M. MacKenzie	E. A. Rowe	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
103.	Foremost	J. B. Lowe	C. L. Dunford	Oyen	First Friday in each month.
104.	Grande Prairie	H. J. Griffiths	A. W. Leechman	Grande Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month.
105.	Lake Saskatchewan	F. C. Dolphin	A. F. W. Roberts	Wembley	First Wednesday in each month.
106.	Carbon	J. H. Oliphant	H. C. Willson	Carbon	Third Thursday in each month.
107.	Pyramid	W. H. Pierce	H. N. Hanna	Lomond	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
108.	Ancient Landmark	A. H. Finch	J. P. Webster	Mirror	First Wednesday in each month.
109.	Kilwinning	J. C. Loree	D. J. Dickson	Innisfree	Third Monday in each month.
110.	Nobleford	J. A. Alexander	E. Rubie	P. O. Box 60, Nobleford	First Tuesday in each month.
111.	Victory	J. P. Miller	S. W. Bridgeman	Jarrow	Third Wednesday in each month.
112.	Cyprus	C. S. McNabb	Wm. Harte	Three Hills	Third Thursday in each month.
113.	Westlock	Wm. J. Gurr	W. J. McCullough	Westlock	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
114.	Grecus	A. B. A. Hughes	M. L. Chapman	Chinook	Third Monday in each month.
115.	Spirit River	A. P. Bott	J. M. Fildee	Spirit River	Second Wednesday in each month.
116.	Dominion	E. A. Figg	W. W. Ward	10223-107th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
117.	St. Mark's	T. D. Gold	R. W. Price	1824-15th St., S.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
118.	York	Wm. D. Hay	Geo. A. Thompson	Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
119.	Monton	R. C. Ophan	A. L. Todd	Monitor	Thursday, on or before full moon.
120.	King Sun	C. Cockroft	Wm. Dean	Gadsby	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
121.	Rockyford	W. Carpenter	C. R. Walrod	Rockyford	Second Monday in each month.
122.	Canoe	G. Turner	Geo. Hunter	801-7th Ave. W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
123.	Canoe	E. H. Lloyd	G. W. Spires	Delburne	Thursday, on or before full moon.
124.	Canoe	H. V. Kerr	R. A. Conrad	Sargento	First Monday in each month.
125.	Granite	H. J. Wilderman	H. Andrews	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.
126.	Forestburg	A. E. Morgan	Hans Farvolden	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
127.	Meridian	T. Graden	Jas. Vailloch	Stoney Plain	Second Wednesday in each month.
128.	Husar	W. A. Treacy	E. A. Hobbs	Chancellor	Second Monday in each month.

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131.	Kitscoty	C. E. Bennet	Chas. N. Gray	Kitscoty	Wednesday on or before full moon.
132.	Craignyle	A. W. Read	J. D. J. McDonald	Craignyle	Tuesday on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries	O. E. Larson	W. L. Yorke	Manyberries	Wednesday on or before full moon.
134.	Renfrew	Wm. H. Smith	C. S. B. Lait	239-15th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance	E. O. Lysne	N. B. Anderson	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Crescent	Robt. Hood	J. A. Gow	Barons	First Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana	F. J. Pearce	C. E. L. Baker	Irricana	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	S. C. Yeoman	E. T. Longman	Onoway	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Melrose	H. S. Shirreffs	N. A. Houghton	Daysland	Second Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	A. M. Gibson	Frank Dewar	Big Valley	First Tuesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency	S. N. Millham	J. H. Cochrane	Hughenden	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe	P. Herring	M. C. Wright	9908-115th St., Edmonton	First Monday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	A. Garvie	A. T. Gray	P. O. Box 135, Jasper	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Grafton	A. E. Foxwell	T. E. Yarr	Irma	Third Thursday in each month.
145.	St. Alban's	J. H. Alexander	W. J. Chester	St. Paul, Box 107	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	J. Rodgers	T. W. Bennett	Drumheller	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland	J. H. Boyd	E. J. Martin	Fairview	Second Thursday in each month.
148.	Mayenthorpe	E. J. Holbrook	Ralph Kidd	Balm	Thursday on or before full moon.
149.	Rosebud	H. G. Hymas	Geo. Stafford	Box 25, Rosebud	Second Wednesday in each month.
150.	Donalda	W. E. Porter	E. W. Grice	Donalda	Second Monday in each month.
151.	Locheam	A. P. Fisher	J. Horne	Rocky Mountain House	Third Tuesday in each month.
152.	Standard	J. P. Hansen	E. A. Wagler	Standard	Third Monday in each month.
153.	Whitcourt	J. S. Govenlock	Wm. H. Graham	Whitcourt	First Wednesday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau	T. E. Jewell	F. J. Henry	P. O. Box 48, Waskatenau	First Wednesday in each month.
155.	Earl Haig	L. A. Mason	J. I. Phelan	Barhead	Second Wednesday in each month.
156.	Hythe	J. G. McQuarrie	W. R. Salmers	Hythe	Last Thursday in each month.
157.	Sharon	H. Graham	H. Arthur	Iron Springs	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Berry Creek	G. W. Loveland	D. A. Grosert	Follockville	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne	A. C. Larson		Vauxhall	First Tuesday in each month.
160.	Sesmith	T. A. Fairbairn	L. C. Howard	Sesmith	Second Wednesday in each month.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF LODGES

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No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1933	Degrees			Joined	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1934	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
1	Bow River	232	2	2	2	1	2	7	6		4	220		12
2	Medicine Hat	263	4	4	4	2		3	1		6	259		4
3	Alberta	90	1	1	1	1	1	4	2		1	86		4
4	North Star	243	1	1	1	3	1	3	4		6	235		8
5	Cascade	158	5	4	4	1	1				2	163	5	
6	Spitzie	69						1	4			64		5
7	Edmonton	279	1	1	1	3	3	4	8		3	271		8
8	Innisfail	74	1	1	1	1			7		2	67		7
9	Perfection	394	1	1	1		1	6	9		4	377		17
10	Eureka	122	2	2	2	1		2			2	121		1
11	Acacia	186	1	1	2	3	1		13		2	176		10
12	Red Deer	124	1	1	1		1	1	6			119		5
13	Victoria	48	2	2	2	1						51	3	
14	Jasper	164	2	2	2		2	4	1		1	162		2
15	Wetaskiwin	107	3	3	3	2	1	4	3			106		1
16	Mountain View	74				1		3	10		1	61		13
17	Nanton	89	1	1	1	3			3		4	86		3
18	Britannia	*84	1	1	1	4		2	1		2	84		
19	Cornerstone	145	1	1		2	2	7	5			138		7
20	Carstairs	44				1						45	1	
21	King Hiram	92	1					3			3	87		5
22	Corinthian	165	3	3	6	2		3	15		2	150		15
23	Calgary	203	1	1	1	1	1	7	5		3	191		12
24	Vermilion	110	5	4	3	2		4			1	112	2	
25	St. John's	121	4	4	4	1			1		2	122	1	
26	Sentinel	67						2	3			62		5
27	Apollo	*109	6	6	7	2		9	7		1	100		9
28	Ashlar	190	3	3	3	2		7	5		3	180		10
29	Kenilworth	96	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	89		7
30	Summit	56	1	1	1		1	1	2			55		1
31	Doric	52										52		
32	Cairo	74	1			3		1			1	76	2	
33	Stavely	55	2	1	1		1		2		1	55		
34	Star of the West	63				1		2	3			59		4
35	Mizpah	139	1	1	1				2		1	137		2
36	Gleichen	*93			1		1	3	15			76		17
37	Camrose	102	1	1	1	3		1	6			99		3
38	Hope	44	1	3	4							45	1	
39	Lethbridge	156	1	1	1		1	2	7		3	146		10
40	Joppa	49										49		
41	King Solomon	39							1		2	36		3
42	Bowden	50	2	2	2			2				50		
43	Tuscan	64						1				63		1
44	Buffalo Park	74	2	3	2	4		1			1	78	4	

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45	Ionic.....	*31	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	1	..
46	Palestine.....	58	3	3	3	1	..	1	7	..	..	54	..	4
47	Chinook.....	38	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	38	..	..
48	Crossfield.....	53	4	5	1	..	2	2	1	..	1	55	2	..
49	Robert Burns...	33	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	32	..	1
50	Comet.....	35	1	1	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	34	..	1
51	Unity.....	408	1	1	1	4	5	7	32	..	4	375	..	33
53	Strathmore.....	78	..	..	..	3	1	3	3	..	2	74	..	4
54	Mount Lebanon..	210	2	2	2	1	1	5	10	..	1	198	..	12
55	Bassano.....	79	..	..	..	..	1	2	5	..	2	71	..	8
56	Beaver.....	66	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	..	62	..	4
57	Grassy Lake.....	38	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	36	..	2
58	Chief Mountain..	38	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	37	..	1
59	King George.....	298	1	1	1	1	1	8	16	..	1	276	..	22
60	Acme.....	50	..	..	..	1	2	3	1	..	..	49	..	1
61	Provost.....	54	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	54	..	..
62	Coal.....	27	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	2	..
63	Empire.....	144	..	..	..	1	1	8	11	..	2	125	..	19
64	Bow Island.....	66	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	65	..	1
65	Diamond City....	43	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..
66	St. Andrews.....	61	..	..	1	..	..	4	1	..	..	56	..	5
67	Charity.....	79	2	2	2	..	..	1	4	..	2	74	..	5
68	Edson.....	145	6	6	6	..	..	3	4	..	1	143	..	2
69	Connaught.....	42	1	1	1	..	..	3	5	..	..	35	..	7
70	Quarry.....	43	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	42	..	1
71	Tawatinaw.....	45	3	2	..	1	2	3	2	..	..	46	1	..
72	Coronation.....	98	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	96	..	2
73	Brooks.....	98	1	..	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	97	..	1
74	Vulcan.....	94	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	92	..	2
75	Harmony.....	38	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	37	..	1
76	Fidelity.....	81	6	8	9	..	..	3	3	..	2	79	..	2
77	Strathcona.....	169	1	1	1	1	3	6	3	..	1	164	..	5
78	Hanna.....	85	2	1	1	4	..	1	..	..	3	87	2	..
79	Morning Star....	34	3	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	33	..	1
80	Excelsior.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..
81	Commercial.....	185	1	2	1	1	..	5	5	..	1	176	..	9
82	Acadia.....	50	1	1	1	1	2	2	13	..	..	39	..	11
83	Zetland.....	230	..	..	..	6	..	6	6	..	1	223	..	7
84	Champion.....	54	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	2	49	..	5
86	Rocky Mountain..	65	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	63	..	2
87	Crescent.....	233	3	2	2	1	..	10	7	..	2	218	..	15
88	Wahpun.....	41	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	41	..	..
89	Peace River.....	63	2	2	1	..	3	1	1	..	..	66	3	..

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90	Norwood.....	103	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	..	1	94	..	9
91	Patricia.....	304	4	2	2	..	2	11	11	..	3	285	..	19
92	Saskatchewan...	110	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	..	2	111	1	..
93	Symbol.....	168	2	3	3	..	1	1	7	..	1	162	..	6
94	Lamont.....	48	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	48	..	..
95	Kitchener.....	29	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	30	1	..
96	Dynamic.....	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	37	..	1
97	Albion.....	30	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	31	1	..
98	Hand Hill.....	43	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	45	2	..
100	Verdigris.....	60	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	56	..	4
101	West Edmonton	117	2	2	1	2	..	..	5	..	1	115	..	2
102	Edgerton.....	25	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	24	..	1
103	Foremost.....	34	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	32	..	2
104	Oven.....	56	..	..	..	..	..	7	8	..	..	41	..	15
105	Grande Prairie..	95	..	..	..	1	..	2	4	..	..	90	..	5
106	Lake Saskatoon.	51	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	51	..	..
107	Carbon.....	55	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	54	..	1
108	Pyramid.....	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	..
109	Ancient Landmark.....	40	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	40	..	..
110	Kilwinning.....	29	2	2	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	34	5	..
111	Nobleford.....	26	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	1	..
112	Victory.....	25	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	24	..	1
113	Cyprus.....	51	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	52	1	..
114	Westlock.....	62	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	60	..	2
115	Crocus.....	37	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	1	..
116	Spirit River.....	68	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	67	..	1
117	Dominion.....	92	6	6	6	..	..	1	3	..	1	93	1	..
118	St. Mark's.....	110	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	111	1	..
119	York.....	113	2	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	104	..	9
120	Monitor.....	53	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	..	2	38	..	15
121	Clive.....	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..
122	Rising Sun.....	63	1	2	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	61	..	2
123	Rockyford.....	46	3	3	4	..	..	2	1	..	..	46	..	..
124	Concord.....	114	1	2	2	2	1	3	3	..	..	112	..	2
125	Cavell.....	47	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	..	43	..	4
126	Pembina.....	30	2	2	1	1	3	..	..	..	2	34	4	..
127	Granite.....	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	72	..	1
128	Forestburg.....	38	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	..
129	Meridian.....	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	..
130	Hussar.....	38	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	37	..	1
131	Kitscoty.....	31	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	1	..
132	Craigmyle.....	31	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	28	..	3
133	Manyberries.....	33	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	32	..	1

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134	Renfrew.....	126	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	120	..	6
135	Alliance.....	31	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	29	..	2
136	Cresset.....	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	33	..	1
137	Irricana.....	54	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	3	..
138	Onoway.....	30	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	30	..	..
139	Melrose.....	30	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	28	..	2
140	Big Valley.....	47	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	47	..	..
141	Efficiency.....	33	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	35	2	..
142	Ivanhoe.....	165	2	2	1	4	..	2	..	..	2	167	2	..
143	Jasper Park.....	94	4	4	4	1	..	4	1	..	..	94	..	..
144	Gratton.....	36	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	35	..	1
145	St. Alban's.....	52	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	3	..
146	Drumheller.....	61	2	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	64	3	..
147	Northland.....	33	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	1
148	Mayerthorpe.....	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..
149	Rosebud.....	24	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	23	..	1
150	Donalda.....	19	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	18	..	1
151	Lochearn.....	59	..	1	1	2	..	3	..	..	1	57	..	2
152	Standard.....	21	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	20	..	1
153	Whitecourt.....	25	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	27	2	..
154	Waskatenau.....	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..
155	Earl Haig.....	29	2	2	1	1	..	1	3	..	..	28	..	1
156	Hythe.....	24	..	..	..	6	..	2	4	..	2	22	..	2
157	Sharon.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	23	..	3
158	Berry Creek.....	38	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	1	..
159	Lucerne.....	20	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	18	..	2
160	Sexsmith.....	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..
		13057	173	169	163	134	62	293	412	1	136	12584	66	540

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Rhode Island.....	Harold L. McAuslan.....	Freemasons' Hall, Providence.
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South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
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Tennessee.....	T. E. Doss.....	Nashville
Texas.....	W. B. Pearson.....	Waco.
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Vermont.....	Archie S. Harriman.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	25 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Jas. M. Clift.....	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Tacoma.
West Australia.....	A. E. Jensen.....	Freemasons' Hall, Perth.
West Virginia.....	Geo. S. Laidley.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	Wm. F. Weiler.....	790 North Van Buren St., Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Jos. M. Lowndes.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.

Officers of the Grand Lodge of Alberta

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Fred Parker (9)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Panff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 23	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney (133)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. Cockburn (81)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. C. A. Watt (8)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. Y. Barnett (43)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Coal.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance
No. 139	Melrose.....	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. W. Carney (32)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. J. Watson (157)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Iron Springs
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58)

No. 3	Alberta	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook	Cowley
No. 58	Chief Mountain	Cardston
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. S. McCartney (56)

No. 27	Apollo	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	Monitor
No. 122	Rising Sun	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley	Big Valley
No. 150	Donalda	Donalda

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. MacQuarrie (90)

No. 11	Acacia	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John S. Collins (84)

No. 49	Robert Burns	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset	Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. T. G. Goverlock (153)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig.....	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. K. Smith (116)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. David Dishan (82)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. P. H. Raffan (113)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 109	Ancient Landmark.....	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. T. M. McGarry (146)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud.....	Rosebud
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Chapman (46)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory.....	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

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1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a Craft lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.
15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.
16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.

Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?
- Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.
18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?
- Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.
19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?
- Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.
20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?
- Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.
21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.
22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.
23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?
- Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: If a committee appointed on the application of a brother, who has been suspended N.P.D., reports unfavorably, has the W.M. power to declare him rejected?
Answer: No. Lodge must make decision and by written ballot. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
32. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
33. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.

34. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
- Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.
35. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
36. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.
37. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?
- Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.
38. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
39. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.

The M. W. the Grand Master on receiving notice of the passing of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood appointed a committee consisting of M. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby, P.G.M., W. Bro. A. W. Trickey, and Bro. N. M. Jackson to prepare the following Memorial which is also being sent to all lodges in the Jurisdiction.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.



FREDERICK SHELTON SELWOOD

Past Grand Master

Born June 28, 1874

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Died August 8, 1935

In Memoriam

Frederick Shelton Selwood

It is with profound sorrow we announce the death on Thursday, the 8th of August, 1935, of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M.

Our M. W. Brother had undergone a serious operation several weeks previously and was, we all hoped, progressing slowly but surely towards recovery when complications set in which the tired weakened body was unable to overcome.

M. W. Bro. Selwood was born at Listowel, Ontario, on the 28th of June, 1874, and educated there. Passing through High School he entered Toronto University graduating with honors, winning the Silver Medal in English. He then adopted the teaching profession, being on the staff of the Goderich Collegiate Institute, Picton High School, and the Kingston and the Napanee Collegiate Institutes. In 1900 he was articled with the legal firm of Dunbar & Rackeman, of Boston, Mass., U.S.A., and in 1903 was admitted to the Bar.

Coming to Calgary in 1907 he became a partner of the well known legal firm of Short, Ross & Selwood, remaining with them until 1926 when he withdrew to continue his practice in his own name.

He always took a keen interest in educational matters in the city and in the Province. He was a member of the Calgary School Board, 1918 to 1926 inclusive, and Chairman of the Board from 1920 to 1926 inclusive. This is evidence of the keen intelligent interest he always took in civic and community affairs.

He also identified himself with the work of his church, being an active and official member of Wesley United Church, where his counsels were held in high esteem, and with the passing years in still higher regard. It can be truly said of him

that in his chosen profession and his work for the community he exemplified the highest type of citizenship.

He married in 1911, Miss D. F. A. Nicklin, of Acton, Ontario, who, together with their son Charles Edward and daughter Edith Elizabeth survive and to whom this Grand Lodge desire to extent their most sincere sympathy.

M. W. Bro. Selwood was initiated into Masonry in 1899 in Union Lodge No. 9, G.R.C., at Napanee, Ontario, and in 1903 he affiliated with Lafayette Lodge, Roxbury, Mass.

Coming to Calgary in 1907 he became interested in the formation of Ashlar Lodge No. 28, of which he was a Charter Member, and in 1912 was elected Master and ever since has been one of its most active members. In Grand Lodge he was immediately recognized as an outstanding P.M., being appointed G. D. of C. in 1913, and D. D. G. M. of District No. 1 in 1914. In 1917 he was elected to the Board of General Purposes on which he has served continuously ever since. In 1919 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and successively served in the offices of Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, being elected Grand Master in 1922. He was a member of the Committee on Benevolence from the time of its organization for the administration of the Relief Fund as at present and was Chairman of this Committee in 1921. He was also Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence for many years prior to the time of his death. In short, a glance through our Proceedings since 1912, will reveal the immense amount of work he has done for Grand Lodge.

Brother Selwood was also active in Capitular Masonry, being the First Principal of Alberta Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., in 1917, in Grand Chapter he was District Superintendent in 1918 and was elected Grand Z. in 1928. He was active in Cryptic Masonry being a member of Zadok Council No. 8, R. & S.M., Calgary, and at the time of his death, Grand Inspector General of Alberta and W. J. C. in the Grand Council of Canada, R. & S. M. He was also Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine. First Sovereign of Taylor Conclave 175 G. C. of England and in 1933 appointed Grand Standard Bearer of the G. C. of England, which office he still held at the time of his death.

The silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken, the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel at the cistern; man has gone to his long home and the mourners have gone about the streets. It is not for us to measure the length of

the cord, nor to tell the capacity of the bowl, or to determine the driving power of the wheel.

*A king once said of a prince that fell:
"Taller he seems in death."
And his words ring true, for now as then,
It is after death we can measure men.*

Brother Selwood's greatest interest in life apart from that of his own family was the interest he took in the affairs of the community where he lived and beyond. His church, his lodge, the school, his country and world brotherhood and betterment. He moved in but one direction, he made no play for public favor, he scrambled not for public notice; but moved in the direction of what he conceived to be his duty. His chief virtue was his moral influence and Christian manhood. He was a forceful example of right living and no one doubted him. He has left his family, his lodge, his community, the priceless heritage of a good life. He was honest with himself, with his fellows, and with God. He was true to his convictions. With him citizenship was a sacred trust as well as a great privilege, and in the discharge of his responsibility he exercised the most conscientious care.

An impressive service was held in Wesley United Church where a large congregation of friends attended to pay their last respects to one they knew and loved so well. They were drawn from all walks of life as well as from those prominent in business and professions, a large number of whom were his Masonic Brethren, Grand Lodge being represented by the M. W. Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge Officers, while his lodge was represented by the Master and several officers and P. M's. And so we bid farewell to a Master Craftsman.

*But think of death as of another birth,
As a new freedom for the wings outspread,
A new adventure waiting on ahead,
As a new joy of more ethereal mirth,
As a new world with friends of nobler worth,
Where all may taste a more immortal bread.*

As a tribute of respect it is ordered that this memorial be read in each Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction at the first meeting after its receipt and a record thereof made in the minutes.



M. M. DOWNEY

Grand Master.

Attest:

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS

Grand Secretary.

It is ordered that the Charter and the Jewels of each constituent lodge be draped in mourning for a period of sixty days.

REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your committee submits reviews of the Proceedings of the following jurisdictions for the year 1934:

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| 1. Alabama | 33. New Hampshire |
| 2. Arizona | 34. New Jersey |
| 3. Arkansas | 35. New Mexico |
| 4. British Columbia | 36. New York |
| 5. California | 37. New Zealand |
| 6. Canada in Ontario | 38. North Carolina |
| 7. Colorado | 39. North Dakota |
| 8. Delaware | 40. Nova Scotia |
| 9. Dist. of Columbia | 41. Ohio |
| 10. England | 42. Oklahoma |
| 11. Florida | 43. Oregon |
| 12. Georgia | 44. Pennsylvania |
| 13. Idaho | 45. Prince Edward Island |
| 14. Illinois | 46. Quebec |
| 15. Indiana | 47. Queensland |
| 16. Iowa | 48. Rhode Island |
| 17. Ireland | 49. Saskatchewan |
| 18. Kansas | 50. Scotland |
| 19. Kentucky | 51. South Australia |
| 20. Maine | 52. South Carolina |
| 21. Manitoba | 53. South Dakota |
| 22. Maryland | 54. Tasmania |
| 23. Massachusetts | 55. Tennessee |
| 24. Mexico (York G.L.) | 56. Texas |
| 25. Michigan | 57. Utah |
| 26. Minnesota | 58. Vermont |
| 27. Mississippi | 59. Victoria |
| 28. Missouri | 60. Washington |
| 29. Montana | 61. Western Australia |
| 30. Nebraska | 62. West Virginia |
| 31. Nevada | 63. Wisconsin |
| 32. New Brunswick (1933) | 64. Wyoming. |

FOREWORD

While the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was taking place, of which this volume is a record, M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., Chairman of this committee, was we thought recuperating from a serious operation, but since that date complications set in and on Thursday, August 8th, 1935, he passed to the Grand Lodge above. The members of the committee associated with him in this work would dedicate this foreword to his memory.

M. W. Bro. Selwood, by reason of his training, had a clear, logical mind, which he employed in every phase of Masonic work with which he was connected and to him must be attributed much of the success that has been attained by the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. In the Masonic world he was known to every commentator. His reviews were favorably received, for he had the happy faculty of extracting the meat from the volumes he read and he gave to the Masons of Alberta an interesting story of the happenings in various Grand Jurisdictions throughout the world.

Masonic Education and Benevolence were subjects in which M. W. Bro. Selwood was especially interested and his experience as a Past Grand Master, together with his legal knowledge, made him an authority on jurisprudence and procedure. His selections from the Proceedings which he reviewed we would commend to the members of our lodges for a study of these important features in our work.

Owing to his illness he was unable to complete the reviews he was accustomed to do himself. R. W. Bro. W. Ireland undertook to review those of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York, but the Proceedings of Connecticut and the Philippine Islands have to stand over, for which the apologies of the committee are tendered.

Brethren of the Fraternal Correspondence Round Table will note the passing of our Chairman with regret that so good, kindly and painstaking a reviewer will no longer take his seat amongst them.

With regard to the Proceedings reviewed, it will be noted that Masonic Education and Benevolence received particular attention. Frequent mention is made of the Massachusetts Plan of Masonic Education, which has been adopted by several Grand Lodges with modifications to suit their different Constitutions. This plan has been introduced by a few lodges in Alberta and is well worth studying by any lodge. By it a candidate for Masonry undergoes a course of study which starts before he receives his first degree and continues until he has proved his proficiency in the third degree, with a result that a foundation is laid for an intelligent and well informed membership, which will be of incalculable value to the Craft in future years. The use of what are known as Service Committees in the lodges has done much to revitalize interest in Freemasonry. In this and other ways Masonry has been given an impetus to meet the increasing demands of a changing order of things without in any way violating the Ancient Landmarks or infringing on the tenets of our institution.

Concerning Benevolence, many Grand Lodges have found among its members a desire to view Benevolence in a manner that is foreign to our teachings. They are inclined to look upon their membership as

something entitling them to benefits which were never contemplated at their initiation and it would seem as if our brethren would need to re-dedicate themselves in the N.E. angle of the lodge.

It is evident that our conditions and problems in Alberta during recent years find their precise duplicates in nearly all Grand Jurisdictions. It is also notable that there is a general opinion that these adverse conditions are being overcome and many problems are on the way to solution, while there is on every hand a certainty that we are again on the up-grade.

The committee presents this correspondence to our lodges with the sincere hope that they will diligently search therein for they will find many golden truths that will make plain the path in these difficult times and point to a better and more glorious fellowship than they have ever before experienced in their Masonic work.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY,
V. H. MACAULAY,
E. T. BISHOP,
J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
A. M. MITCHELL,
G. M. BLACKSTOCK,
C. V. BENNETT,
W. IRELAND.

Committee.

ALABAMA

One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication, M.W. Bro. Samuel A. Moore, Grand Master. Alberta's representative was not present. The commissions of seven Grand Representatives were declared forfeited by reason of failure to attend the Annual Communications of Grand Lodge for three consecutive years.

The Grand Master has this to say of the Masonic Home: "This institution has been my greatest care and joy. To contrive a way, with our depleted finances to keep open the Home which is the most worthwhile work that Masons are doing in this State, to meet all obligations, has taken much labor and thought. But in the partial success with which we have been blessed the worry and the labor fade and only the joy of accomplishment is remembered." Many jurisdictions with Homes are feeling the pinch of circumstances, loss in membership which automatically chisels off the revenue and by the same token increases demands. Mortgages have a way of coming due and repairs may be deferred, but are cumulative with compound interest. Let us in Alberta be not pharasaical about it, because we do not exercise our beneficence as some others do, but in extending sympathy to them in their plight let us also give credit to the vision and judgment of the brethren who have shaped our relief policy which finds us in this sixth year of the depression at the peak of our ability to render help.

An unusual question arose as to the status of an adopted child. The ruling given was, that provided the adoption had followed legal channels, the child was entitled to the same consideration as a natural child.

A resolution was presented which would permit a lodge to exempt from dues all brethren over sixty-five years of age and upon whom no per capita would be payable to Grand Lodge. It failed to pass. In the matter of lodge dues there is much loose thinking. It requires so much money to run a lodge and where life memberships or exemptions are automatically granted on the achieving of a certain age there must be some provision to replace the lost revenue. The position is quite apparent as to what would happen to a senior lodge which has failed adequately to replenish its membership with young men. Tragedies of that nature are all too well known in the Masonic world.

It is so easy for someone with a burning passion to do something under the spur of what they feel to be inspiration and usually without mature judgment, which later fades out and leaves a trail of vicissitude for someone else to solve. Some years ago a Masonic Club was formed in Tuscaloosa. Now Grand Lodge is worrying about whether they should again pay the interest due on the mortgage, as evidently the Club is closed and Grand Lodge is saddled with the burden of vacant property and attendant debt.

Many small lodges in Alabama are finding it difficult in these times to carry on. During the year some 15 forfeited their charter through inability to pay Grand Lodge dues. Consolidation of others still goes on apace with five on the list this year.

We appreciate the difficulties confronting our brethren in Alabama which compels them to forego for another year at least the printing of a Review of Proceedings.

Lodges, 502. Membership, 29,406. Loss, 1,520.

M. W. Grand Master—Samuel A. Moore.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Guy T. Smith.

V.H.M.

ARIZONA

Fifty-second Annual Communication held in the City of Tucson, March 13th, 1934, M.W. Bro. Marquis Lafayette Gibbons, Grand Master.

Lodges 38, membership 6,169. Net loss for year 416.

Alberta was not represented.

In common with most Grand Masters in these troublous times, M.W. Bro. Gibbons refers at some length to the place of Freemasonry in a world economic depression. He says in part: "We have found in our ritual, in our fellowship one with another, in our practice of brotherly love, in our giving of relief, in our observance of morality and our striving toward the truth, that peace of mind that has kept us sane in a whirlwind of madness, and a soundness of thought that has carried us on toward the goal of perfection." Excellent rhetoric, but somehow we wonder.

From his sparkling eulogy Grand Master Gibbons had a fine time among his brethren which is as it should be, of course.

He refuses permission to the officers of one of his lodges to travel into Mexico to confer a degree in a Mexican lodge on Sunday.

We note that Sir Cecil A. Cochrane, D.C.L., of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Text of a Proclamation calling for "Every Arizona Mason in Lodge at the same hour" to honor the Washington Celebration of February 22nd, 1934, appears in full.

The Grand Master makes a round dozen recommendations. The outstanding ones are: consideration of the practice of collecting one dollar from every new petitioner for the upkeep of the George Washington Memorial; an appeal for the Committee on Education to "enter upon some plan of intense education"; the payment of Arizona's pledge to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association; the preparation of a new form of petition for the degrees and that the amount which a lodge can spend in the purchase of a Temple be cut from \$5,000.00 to \$500.00.

Arizona expended \$6,932.00 in direct relief to Masons and their families.

A report by the Grand Secretary of his presence at the Grand Secretaries' Conference reveals that the question of membership losses is a serious concern to Grand Jurisdictions in the United States.

The Grand Lecturer recommends a longer than a single-year term for District Deputies. We agree.

A new form of petition for the degrees was presented by P.G.M. Harry A. Drachman, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, was recommended by the Committee and adopted by Grand Lodge. It appears in full in the Proceedings, is similar to that in use in Alberta but contains an "Authorized Statement" to the applicant setting forth what Freemasonry is and isn't as fully as possible to a profane. This "statement" could be adopted with profit here and elsewhere. Two forthright statements are included which might disillusion many a seeker of the wrong kind. We take leave to quote them: "It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not to be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement." "*Freemasonry is not a benefit society.*" The italics are theirs. "This fact can not be too strongly emphasized." We commend the full report to any Mason interested in this highly important subject.

There is an exceptionally fine report of the dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial from the pen of Wor. Bro. James R. Dunseath of Tucson Lodge No. 4 who represented Arizona at the ceremonies. Congratulations Wor. Bro. Dunseath for an excellent job!

The usual statistical and memorial pages and a brief report on Foreign Correspondence in which, unfortunately, Alberta does not appear, round out an excellent book.

Next Annual Communication, Prescott, Arizona, March 13th, 1935.

M. W. Grand Master, James Whetstine, Prescott.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.

A.M.M.

ARKANSAS

The Ninety-third Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held at Little Rock on November 20th, and 21st, with M. W. Bro. W. A. Thomas, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Masters of Louisiana and Tennessee with their retinue of officers were presented and received with Grand Honors.

On the roll call of Grand Representatives, that of Alberta was missing, which we regret.

Arkansas has suffered a heavy loss in membership by reason of the depression and Grand Master Thomas tells us in his address that he set out to reclaim a number of these members with varying success.

We regret to note the passing of R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, who had been Grand Secretary for fifty-three years, and our sincerest sympathy goes out to Arkansas in the loss of this distinguished member of our Fraternity.

The question of dealing with lotteries is raised by the Grand Master when an organization with Masonry as a prerequisite to membership started out to raise money by this means. The matter was referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage.

The charters of twenty-four lodges were arrested during the year. The Grand Master recognises that when a lodge becomes dormant it is neither useful to the members nor an ornament to the Craft and in consequence the charter is lifted of such dormant lodge.

Dispensation was granted for the formation of one new lodge in this jurisdiction.

Rather than appoint an acting Grand Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Fay Hempstead, the Grand Master, as Chairman of the Budget Committee, supervised the work of the Grand Lodge office.

The report of the Home Trustees and of the Superintendent shows that institution to be in very excellent shape. The sum of \$23,694.15 was spent in its maintenance.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that official recognition be granted to the two Grand Lodges of Czechoslovakia, the National Grand Lodge of Columbia at Barranquilla, and the Grand Lodge of Argentina Masonry. Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Lodge National, Independent of France, Brazil, Nicaragua and Spain were deferred.

An address by the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. O. E. Williams, on "The Master Builder" is set out in the Proceedings and is an epitome of the life of Albert Pike.

M. W. Bro. W. A. Thomas was elected to the office of Grand Secretary and we extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on assuming that high office.

Arkansas does not publish a review of their foreign correspondence.

Jas. B. Bunn—M. W. Grand Master.

W. A. Thomas—R. W. Grand Secretary.

W.I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

An Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Dawson, Y. T., on 23rd August, 1933, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Temple in that City. The Grand Master was present at this meeting held in the far north.

On 15th September, 1933, another Emergent Communication was held at Terrace, British Columbia, for the purpose of constituting Kitselas Lodge No. 123 and installing its officers.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication was held on 21st June, 1934, in Powell River, the home City of M. W. Bro. Henderson the Grand Master, who presided at the meeting. Alberta was not represented.

V. W. Bro. Canon H. G. King addressed the meeting on the Relationship and Parallels between Freemasonry and the Church in their mutual work of lifting up light to the world. A timely subject indeed, handled with tactful skill, in which the Church is properly given premier place in the scheme of life with Masonry as its handmaiden and with a conclusion thus:

"Rightly understood there is no rivalry, but a balanced co-operation between the Church and Freemasonry. Their object is identical."

The Grand Master's address is a plain businesslike statement of his years activities, devoid of any flights of oratory and a reading of it recalled the man himself and his forceful personality.

In addition to many visits in his own jurisdiction the Grand Master paid a fraternal visit to Lafayette Lodge No. 241 in the State of Washington. The Grand Master of Washington and the Grand Master of Oregon were also present. The Grand Master in sounding a common note of warning in regard to benevolence, points out that the Benevolent Fund is not intended to relieve constituent lodges of all charitable work, but rather merely to augment the lodge funds in proper cases and further that the Board of Benevolence is neither a pension nor an annuity fund. We have been obliged to point out precisely the same things in this jurisdiction.

Of special interest to us in Alberta is the Grand Master's reference to his mother lodge, Bow River Lodge No. 1, G.R.A., where the Grand Master was initiated on 20th October, 1884, and in which he held the offices of Junior Warden in 1886 and Senior Warden in 1887. Our loss truly was British Columbia's gain.

During his year of office the Grand Master had his portrait sent to Bow River Lodge, suitable acknowledgement of which was duly made by the Secretary. We now understand why we were so impressed by Bro. Henderson when we met him in Vancouver in 1933.

Earlier in this review I mentioned that there were no flights of oratory. Perhaps that must be revised for at the conclusion of his address he visualizes a visit to the Grand Secretary's office in the Masonic Temple and concludes:

"and may I here suggest in all due respect to our esteemed Most Worshipful Grand Treasurer with the sanction of Grand Lodge, that he expand his chest and provide a comfort lounge for my successor and a drought of the wine of refreshment with full con-

fidence that the Grand Secretary will furnish the Oil of joy. In this way the tedium of the aforementioned winding stairs will be much relieved and cares that infest the day will fold their tents like the Arabs and as silently steal away."

This alone is easily worth the price of admission. That he did not continue such delightful flights of fancy is to be regretted.

The Board of Benevolence expended the sum of \$12,234.50 during the year. The unexpended revenue was carried to capital account which now stands at over \$350,000.00.

The Grand Secretary reports a further loss in membership greater than in 1933. Optimistically he gives his opinion "That the nadir of the depression has been passed and that from now on we may look for an improvement." We sincerely hope his opinion is well founded.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s are very readable and full of interest and one realizes just what valuable work is being done by these officers. Among the many interesting items we note; that in spite of financial depression the Order is in reasonably healthy condition; that the dearth of candidates is promoting study and education; that at one Past Master's night three officers occupied the same chairs they had filled thirty years ago; that one lodge had practically paid for its hall; that several lodges in the boundry country paid a fraternal visit to Spokane, Washington and there conferred the third degree; that one lodge burned the mortgage on its temple, that two lodges look after the comfort of brethren in Tranquille Sanatorium; that M. W. Bro. Dr. Thornton, P.G.M. Manitoba, now resident in British Columbia, is extremely active, delivering addresses in many lodges; that in general, peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction. These are only a few of the highlights on which much might be said if space permitted.

The Grand Historian has the usual report which this year deals with Cariboo Lodge No. 4, Alta Lodge No. 29 and Creston Lodge No. 34. The histories of these lodges remind us that the day is not far distant when the information they contain will be priceless. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia is doing a great work in that respect and one which other jurisdictions should take up—now—not years hence. The Grand Historian deals with an "Occasional Lodge" meeting held at the now forgotten, then embryonic, town or village of Oileta. Four Master Masons met on 22nd October, 1920, in Sage Creek Valley and held a Lodge forwarding the minutes to the Grand Secretary.

Appropriate reference is made to the passing of M. W. Bros. F. and W. J. Bowser, both of whom made history in the Pacific Province.

We enjoyed R. W. Henderson's report on his visit to London, when he represented the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at the dedication of the Peace Memorial Temple. He, like the reviewer, was obliged to make frequent use of superlatives in giving vent to his feelings. Truly an historic occasion. The Proceedings conclude with the usual well written and kindly critical report on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of M. W. Bro. DeWolf Smith. Alberta is generously covered and the reviewer takes this opportunity of expressing his appreciation of the kindly references to himself. M. W. Bro. DeWolf Smith quotes with approval from the report of the Committee on Benevolence.

G.M.B.

CALIFORNIA

The Eighty-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of California was convened in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on Tuesday, October 9th, A.D. 1934, the session extending over four days. M. W. Bro. James B. Gist, Grand Master, presided. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present and 1,504 officers and representatives from 574 chartered lodges.

The devotional service immediately following the opening of Grand Lodge in ample form was conducted by V. R. Herbert P. Shaw, Grand Chaplain, from which we quote:

"God grant that Masonry will produce men; men for the needs of our civilization; men who have conviction; men who are willing to do and dare; men who have a vision of service and are not afraid to act. Great men, good men; men whom the spoils of office cannot buy. Men who are willing to give themselves to worthwhile tasks for the benefit of men and Masons."

In the annual message of the the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Gist reviewed the principal activities of the Grand Master during his year of office and discussed the leading problems concerning California Masonry and the policies and activities of the Grand Lodge, its officers and committees in dealing with these problems. The Grand Master attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington, D.C., in February, 1934. In regard to the former he reported steady progress towards completion of the Memorial and in regard to the conference considered it provided a desirable measure of practical co-operation among the several Grand Lodges participating.

During the year he visited 72 inspectoral districts and through this medium was in contact with 405 lodges. He also visited the Hawaiian Islands and considered a visit by the Grand Master the most efficient means of Grand Lodge keeping in touch with the lodges in those Islands. Among the special communications of Grand Lodge there were three ceremonies of dedication of Masonic Temples by Grand Lodge officers.

The Grand Master noted a tendency in the lodges to reduce the fees for the degrees and also lodge dues, and also referred to the difficulties regarding delinquent dues. Concerning these latter Grand Master Gist favored continuous consistent and intelligent effort on the part of small committees as likely to produce the best results.

After six years' effort by the Committee on Masonic History in California, this work was brought to completion and the publication thereof was authorized by the Grand Master.

The Masonic Club Houses at Berkeley and Los Angeles were found by the Grand Master to be very helpful to the student body coming from Masonic families as affording to them opportunities for social relaxation, study and service.

The Grand Master reported 14 decisions but none of them were of any general interest as the questions called chiefly for construction of provisions contained in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California.

Considerable attention was given by the Grand Master to Public Schools Week; to the affairs of the Masonic Homes; the Boards of Relief of which there are 15 working in the Jurisdiction; to the District Officers' Association, District Officers' Meetings and the successful work of the Inspectors in their several districts. Generally speaking the Grand Master found the condition of Masonry throughout the Jurisdiction healthy and reasonably satisfactory, having regard to the trying conditions in the world at large.

During the year under review, R. W. Bro. Thomas John Baker, Grand Lecturer for many years, passed to the Grand Lodge above and R. W. Bro. Foster G. Dyer was appointed to fill out the remainder of the term. Bro. Dyer presented a very interesting report on the condition of the lodges and of Masonry in its many aspects as he found it in his activities as Grand Lecturer.

The Annual Oration delivered by W. Bro. Reynold E. Blight, Grand Orator, comprising sixteen pages of closely printed matter is one of the outstanding addresses of the kind which this reviewer has read in many years and one could wish that this oration could be read in a great many of the lodges in this jurisdiction. It will be found on pages 67 to 82 inclusive in the 1934 California Proceedings and Masonic students are confidently referred to this address as a source of inspiration.

The Masonic Homes are the chief factor in the benevolent activities of this Grand Lodge. The Endowment Fund has reached the sum of almost \$1,100,000.00. About \$2,250,000.00 have been expended for the two Masonic Homes in this State, one for children and one for aged adults. The annual budget for these Homes shows an expenditure in 1933 of approximately \$226,000.00 and in 1934 approximately \$216,000.00. For the year ending August 31st, 1934, the following figures are interesting. In the Decoto Home there were 197 men, average age 74.01 years and 191 women, average age 73.71 years. During that year there were admitted 39 men of the average age of 71.23 years and 29 women of the average age of 71.24. During the same period 36 men died at the average age of 79.44 years and 22 women died at the average age of 76.77. In addition to the Masonic Homes outside relief was furnished to 97 beneficiaries at a monthly cost of \$2,469.00. In the Covina Home for children during the year ending July 31st, 1934, there were 79 boys and 76 girls and outside relief was afforded to 38 children at a monthly cost of \$990.00. The figures show that the brethren of California are doing a wonderful work on very generous lines.

In 1934 the Grand Lodge did not publish a Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions in the form usually published by other Grand Bodies, nor in the topical form which for several years had been the practice of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge. In lieu of this review, however, Bro. Joseph B. Morcombe, Chairman of the Committee, submitted a very interesting study of the progress of Masonry throughout the world in the year 1934.

The Report of the Committee on Public Schools Week gives a comprehensive review of the 15th Annual Observation of this Masonic activity and indicates clearly the wide spread interest which has been created in the Public Schools of California by this Masonic activity, which interest is aroused not only among the members of the Masonic fraternity but in all other ranks of the community. As the years pass the influence of this work seems to be continually increasing and un-

doubtedly will be beneficial so long as it can be continued in the excellent spirit of good will and comradeship which appears to have existed during the last 15 years.

The Grand Lodge of California extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of the Amazon and Acre located in the Republic of the United States of Brazil. This makes the sixth Grand Lodge in Brazil which has received fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodge of California.

Total membership 132,331. Net loss 4,363.

M. W. Bro. Randolph V. Whiting, Grand Master.

V. W. Bro. John Whicher, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

CANADA

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was held in Toronto on Wednesday the 18th day of July, 1934, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Frank A. Copus in the Chair.

We did not notice the name of Alberta's Grand Representative among those present.

The Mayor of the City, himself a Past Master of the Order, delivered an address of welcome to Grand Lodge, one paragraph of which is worthy of reproduction:

"Persons in positions of responsibility believe in the simple philosophy of life, that whatever is sown eventually must be reaped. With those about us sowing the mustard seed of communism, it is reassuring to know that we have the Craft sowing the 'Seed of grain' of good citizenship. Masonry is something to be lived up to and not a cloak nor certificate, nor a license for preference."

Then followed an address of welcome presented by the Masters of Toronto Lodges to which the Grand Master replied. The Grand Master delivered a scholarly address replete with philosophic contemplations of the past, sane logical advice for our own day and prophetic hope for the future. One hopes that the admonition on the title page "ordered to be read in all the lodges" has been duly and truly observed. Those Masters who have failed to do so have deprived their members of a splendid intellectual treat. Much of the address merits a place in this review and only the lack of space restrains extensive quotation. In discussing the inevitable unrest attendant upon present conditions the Grand Master shrewdly points out,

"But unfortunately the past few years have witnessed an insidious attempt to capitalize on this unrest, deliberately plotted by elements in the community whose evident goal was trouble for its own sake, the stirring up of hatred between man and man—in short revolution, not evolution."
and again,

"I think it is not unfair to state that the efforts of these disturbers and their propaganda have been given a prominence in the

public press much greater than their importance merits, and that the consequence has been altogether unfortunate for the public weal. I believe it is time that tribute should be paid to the sane, the conscientious, the well balanced and the helpful efforts of the larger portion of the daily press in this Province."

Liberty, so often mistaken for license, is ably dissected and analyzed and on this subject his conclusion is of timely interest to us.

Thus:

"We can offer a body of opinion that cannot be stampeded either to the right of dictatorship and the smothering of the free institutions of the land, or to the left of Communism and a wild-eyed so-called democracy that would upset all that humanity has evolved as representing the best way in which men may live happily together and face eternity unafraid."

Salutory advice is given anent newspaper publicity of our lodge proceedings and it is refreshing to note that he has restated and affirmed principles which we laid down in this jurisdiction some years ago. He reiterates advice so often given before that Secretaries of lodges have no right to hand out lists of lodge members to book salesmen. So far our own sales resistance has been good, but it is a nuisance to be obliged to resist, so Amen, to what the Grand Master has so well said on this subject.

The Grand Master found time to attend the quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and twenty-six of the thirty-four districts in Ontario.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s make interesting reading and generally speaking they reflect an active healthy condition throughout the jurisdiction. They have the problems common to all of us these days—non-payment of dues, attendance, lack of knowledge of the Constitution. Some reports indicate much interest in Masonic education, others that interest in this subject is lacking. The report of R. W. Bro. M. G. Johnston of Frontenac District is particularly interesting. He certainly discharged his duties ably and well. Fulsome flattery is absent, honest, well directed criticism very much to the front. Here is a sample:

"I was amazed to discover that although the By-laws of this lodge stated definitely that the regular meetings should be held on Friday on or before full moon, the lodge had always met on Tuesday, and although the By-laws stated that the election of officers should take place on the regular meeting preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the lodge had always held its election at the regular meeting preceding the Festival of St. John the Baptist. It seems incredible that a lodge could carry on breaking its By-laws for some twenty-five years without someone bringing the matter to the attention of the brethren. I gave instructions that the By-laws be amended immediately in order to comply with the dates on which the meeting were being held."

We are likewise amazed that some of his predecessors in office had not noticed such a startling state of affairs.

The Board of Benevolence reports an expenditure of \$247,146.75, of which amount approximately one-half was grants from lodge funds. The Board urges upon lodges the necessity of complete investigation

into the circumstances of all applicants and warns against sentiment and impulse being allowed to influence their decisions.

Our M. W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson, P.G.M., was present and addressed the meeting.

Applications for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Bahia (Brazil), Para (Brazil), Paraiba (Brazil), Colombia and Denmark were deferred for enquiry and consideration and a similar application from the so-called Federated Grand Lodge of Roumania was declined.

We regret that the committee appointed to consider and report upon a proposal to change the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario recommended that no change be made. Still more do we regret that some words of ours were seized upon by the committee as indicating acquiescence on our part in the perpetuation of a title which has become misleading. We still understand the reluctance of our Ontario brethren to introduce a change but we had hoped that considerations other than those merely historical, would have induced them to do so. It should not be necessary for the Grand Master of Alberta to explain to a brother in England that he is the Masonic Ruler of a Sovereign Masonic State and not the Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

We confess that when the Ontario Proceedings reaches us we first turn to the Fraternal Correspondence and Reviews from the pen of M. W. Bro. Ponton. They are a source of never ending delight and 1934 is no exception. Alberta is fully and generously treated. He is very kind to the present reviewer, whom he quotes in extenso.

G.M.B.

COLORADO

Seventy-fourth Annual Communication, September 18th and 19th, 1934.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Howard T. Vaille, in the Masonic Temple, Denver. Twelve Past Grand Masters who were present were welcomed by the Grand Master, escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors of Masonry.

The roll of deceased Past Grand Masters was called by the Grand Secretary.

Alberta's Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. William S. Pickerell, was in attendance.

On opening his address, the Grand Master referred to the death of Marshall H. Van Fleet, Past Grand Master, and pronounced a short eulogy upon him as a man, and as a Mason.

Everywhere the brethren had been found imbued with the good old Masonic spirit, and harmony had prevailed. Officers were earnest, devoted Masons, and while some were discouraged, no one was despondent. The chief drawbacks during the year were, of course, the losses from suspensions, inability of brethren to pay dues, heavy demands for fraternal aid, lack of candidates, and, in some cases, the heavy loss of funds in defunct banks. The Grand Master frowned upon any move-

ment that suggested the soliciting of candidates. We note that of many By-Laws approved by him, a fairly large number had in view the reduction of dues. This course met with disapproval in another Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master almost created a record in his visitations, having visited every lodge in the State, 147 in number. This entailed travelling over 18,000 miles, but enabled him to meet personally almost 8,000 brethren. One of his most interesting experiences was a visit at Kokomo, Colorado, which is a typical "ghost" town. At one time there were 10,000 people in the place, but the Masonic Lodge there now numbers but twelve members, of whom only two live at Kokomo. This lodge, Corinthian No. 42, retains its charter only by grace of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master recommended that systematic courses of instruction in Masonry should be inaugurated, these to include Masonic history and Masonic subjects generally. He noted with regret that there had been 625 suspensions during the year, because of non-payment of dues. He calculated that not more than one in three of those suspended would return. He thought an effort should be made to review the list of suspensions, and, if possible, to make some arrangements for the suspended brother to be reinstated. He warned against any undue attempt to let down the bars in the hope of rebuilding depleted lodges. He strongly recommended the establishment of close fraternal relationship with the Grand Jurisdictions of Latin America, and praised the effort that is being made to keep Masonry alive in spite of the movement to crush it that is seen in several countries.

The net loss for the year was 785.

The Oration delivered by the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. William M. Nelson, is a noteworthy one, and should be read extensively within the Grand Jurisdiction. It contains a short exposition of symbolic Masonry.

The percentage of officers proficient in their respective work, as compiled by the Grand Lecturer during his visits, is very reasonably satisfactory.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reversed the findings of two lodges in their trials of brothers charged with unmasonic conduct, and recommended that the brothers be expelled.

A new Constitution has been adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence secured the adoption of a resolution to the effect that no Master Mason in Colorado should petition for other Masonic degrees until he should have taken an examination on the Master Mason degree required by the law in effect at the time he was raised. We wonder how this will work out, and if the authority of Grand Lodge to pass such a resolution will be challenged.

The review of Proceedings of Grand Lodges is in the hands of Bro. Stanley C. Warren, Chairman, who reviewed the Proceedings of 65 Grand Jurisdictions. As this gives him a birdseye view of practically the whole Masonic world, he comes to certain definite conclusions, all of which we would like to enumerate, but space forbids. We might, however, mention the following: Apparently the ideal membership for a lodge is about 100, as is the case in England; the numerical strength of Masonry in the United States may be its greatest weakness; there

is too much ritual work; the American Masonic Lodge has become too much of a degree factory; Masons should assume the garb of the Secret Society; do not expect to cure our ills by legislation; Freemasonry should be, and remain, a Secret Society; and if the Ancient Landmarks are maintained, there will be no question of its surviving this, as it has all past financial panics. We have looked over Bro. Warren's reviews, and have gathered a great deal of information. Under the review of the Philippine Islands, he gives practically in full the cause of the differences that arose between that Grand Jurisdiction and that of Massachusetts, as well as with the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland.

Alberta is fully reported.

Charles A. Patton, Denver, M. W. Grand Master.

William W. Cooper, Denver, R. W. Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Communication was held in the City of Wilmington on the 3rd of October, 1934. M. W. Bro. Harold W. T. Parnell, Grand Master, presided.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters and many Past Grand Officers were present. Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. Geo. T. Macklin, P.S.G.W. Fifty-nine other Grand Representatives also greeted the Grand Master. Twenty out of twenty-two lodges were represented and distinguished visitors from no less than six Grand Lodges were received.

The Grand Master opened his address with philosophic and poetic reflections on his year of work, presenting it as an Ashlar to be proved and examined, not only by Grand Lodge but by the Master Builder of all. He goes on in the same vein to remind his hearers, by comparison with the hills and dales of Delaware, of the changing variety of life, the ups and downs, light and shade, warmth and chills, and so check our pride, sanctify our possession, keeping our own prosperity from wrecking us, by leading us to use soberly and profitably those talents of which we must shortly render an account.

During his year of office, he says, "In the interest of Masonry in general this year 28,000 miles have been covered by automobile and slightly over 6,000 miles by train." Delaware is a small state. If our Grand Master were to attempt to cover this jurisdiction with like thoroughness, his mileage could only be expressed in figures of astronomical proportions; but it is only fair to say the Grand Master paid several official visits to other Grand Lodges.

He took a special interest in the question of arrears of dues, saying he had contacted several personally, who had said they had never received a summons, nor were they aware they had been suspended. Several of these have since paid in full and been reinstated. It would appear from this that there is a lack of proper organization in the lodges. In this jurisdiction, every reasonable effort is made to notify each member.

On an official visit to Lafayette Lodge No. 14, the Grand Master was presented with a large silk American flag, the gift of M. W. Bro.

Harry Galbraith, P.G.M., for the Masonic Home. This brother had already presented a "Christian Flag" for the same institution. The Grand Master remarks that the "Christian Flag" is the only flag that can be flown above the Stars and Stripes.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. F. Robinson, celebrated his eighty-third birthday on this occasion. He is also the oldest living P. M. of Lafayette Lodge. Congratulations, Bro. Grand Secretary! He reports a total membership of 5,816 in twenty-two lodges, a net loss of 184 of which 144 were Suspensions N.P.D.

The Educational Programme of this Grand Lodge is entrusted to the Masonic Service Committee. They report the plan of instructing candidates as approved by Grand Lodge has been carried out with success. They find, however, instruction of those already members is largely dependent upon the brethren themselves. Few lodges have libraries and very few take Masonic magazines, but the "Short Talk" and other papers prepared by R. W. Bro. C. H. Claudy, issued by the Masonic Service Association each month, have been very useful. Among these papers we note a Masonic Play is recommended. The members of the committee have given addresses in lodges on several occasions. They conclude their report by saying, that Masonic Education depends entirely upon the leadership furnished by the Masters of lodges.

The Proceedings of 67 Grand Jurisdictions are briefly and carefully reviewed by M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, P.G.M. Alberta receives fraternal mention for M. W. Bro. Blackstock's year, 1933.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. O. Wingate.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. John F. Robinson.

J.H.W.S.K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Washington, D.C., on December 19th, 1934. M. W. Bro. Vernon G. Owen, Grand Master, presided.

This Grand Lodge holds quarterly communications. Apparently Grand Representatives are presented and received at the May meeting. Alberta's representative was not among them.

The Grand Master reported improvement in conditions as shown by the records. Although many were dropped from the rolls for N.P.D., the net loss was slightly less than the previous year, while additions to the membership were substantially increased. He notes the renewed interest in Masonry is continuing as the number of petitions for initiation and affiliation and reinstatement indicates. He also finds, on examination of the financial standing of his lodges, a very decided improvement has taken place and says, "This splendid showing is due in a large measure to the careful administration of financial affairs of our lodges during the past year." Giving due credit to the lodge officers for their work. Evidently the clouds are dispersing.

He reports one formal decision only, in which the advancement of a brother had been objected to and sustained. Afterwards a waiver

of jurisdiction was applied for, which was refused by the lodge. Then it was proposed to reconsider this action at the next meeting. He ruled, quite correctly, that a new request for a waiver must be presented and laid over for one month, the same as in the first case; so that before the lodge could take action every member would have due notice. Grand Lodge approved.

He gives much attention to the many benevolent activities of Grand Lodge and Masonic Bodies in the jurisdiction. These do valuable work in assisting those in need. We note there is more attention being paid to inspection of claims made, to management in the case of the Home, where improvements were made and unsatisfactory conditions where they occurred eliminated. Generally speaking the times have necessitated this "stock-taking" in every jurisdiction and no doubt with beneficial results.

In Masonic Education they have adopted "The Lodge Plan of Education" and it is meeting with success. The Chairmen of thirty-three lodge committees met together for discussion of the problems involved. The Grand Master sums up the causes of failure, where they had occurred, as follows:

"(a) Master without interest; consequently does not back up his committee.

"(b) Wrong selection of committee men.

"(c) Chairmen without interest.

"Any one of these is sufficient to impair the effectiveness of a programme in a lodge."

He very strongly recommends the Plan to every lodge.

In this jurisdiction they have the great advantage of possessing in Bro. Carl H. Claudy an able leader as Chairman of their Grand Lodge Committee on Education.

Their School of Instruction has also been active and the attendance of lodge officers good. It must be borne in mind that this is a very compact jurisdiction, being contained within the limits of the District of Columbia.

In such a jurisdiction necessarily they have hundreds of members hailing from other Grand Lodges and who are employed by the government. Frequent calls are made upon the lodges for funeral services and to provide for these requests assignments are made to lodges in numerical order. The lodges willingly accept the responsibility and the Grand Master commends them for what he knows is not an inconsiderable sacrifice, but yet it means so much to the families and relatives in distant places.

A new lodge, Semper Paratus No. 49, received its charter this year, the membership of which is largely composed of those in the Coast Guard Service, whose duties take them to many parts of the U.S.A. and who are often transferred from place to place, so that wherever they may be stationed they have in this lodge a central Masonic Home.

The Grand Master's attention was directed to the introduction of a Bill in the U. S. House of Representatives, under which it was proposed to incorporate the National Ethiopian Supreme Council of the Universal Order of Freemasons (Ethiopian Rites inclusive). The Bill was returned to the House committee, with a statement that there was

no need for the passage of the bill, as incorporation could be effected in the ordinary way. The Grand Master deemed it highly desirable that an effort should be made to prevent the proposed incorporation and appointed a committee to prepare a protest. The protest was against the use of the word "Freemasons" being included anywhere in the bill. The protest, apparently, was effective.

Another organization, calling itself the "Order of the Golden Chain" with still another one the "Order of the Amaranth" applied to the Grand Master for permission to organize in the District. These Orders require as a prerequisite to membership a certain connection with Freemasonry. The Grand Master appointed a committee to investigate and report to Grand Lodge. They did so very fully and recommended that the request of the petitions be denied. Grand Lodge approved of their recommendation together with the principles upon which it was based. There seems to be a perennial crop of these bodies, all of which like the parasitic liana creeper seek the support of the forest tree and by their added weight tend to weaken it.

The review of other Grand Lodges is by M. W. Bro. James A. West. His "Foreword" is interesting, as a broad general view of Masonry. Alberta receives fraternal mention.

Robert S. Regar—M. W. Grand Master.

J. Claude Keiper—R. W. Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K.

ENGLAND

1934

At the March meeting H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught was again elected Grand Master.

Grand Lodge contributed 250 Guineas to the Lord Mayor's Indian Earthquake Fund. The President of the Board of Benevolence in moving the resolution drew attention to the terrible catastrophe which had laid waste a tremendous area of productive land. He said that a number of European Planters had lost everything, many of them being completely destitute, bungalows, factories, offices in many cases being completely destroyed, and in addition their plantations had been covered by deposits of sand and broken by huge fissures. The sugar mills, on which planters depended for their income, were wrecked and many could only be rebuilt with great difficulty because of lack of funds. Reports from the lodges in the district were not yet to hand, but one had its lodge room wrecked and had no place to meet. Others were probably in the same condition. The District Grand Master of Bengal was sending out an appeal when he had obtained more particulars and the President of the Board asked for contributions.

At this meeting it was announced that Grand Lodge had received a bequest amounting to \$350,000.00, which the testator desired to be distributed among the great Charities, particularly mentioning the Freemasons' Hospital, the allocation being left entirely to the discretion of the Grand Master, who appointed an executive committee of five to deal with it.

The Festival meeting in April was devoted to appointments to Grand Offices, Lord Ampthill, being again appointed Pro Grand Master.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, it was mentioned had completed sixty years of membership in Freemasonry and would be 84 years of age on May 1st. It was arranged that a telegram of greetings and congratulations be sent to him on that day.

On the 6th of June Grand Lodge again met, the M. W. Grand Master on the throne.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence showed 164 Petitioners were relieved to the extent of \$51,900.00 as from March to May and recommendations to the amount of \$59,150.00 were made to Grand Lodge. These consist of grants made in one payment, we understand, and not necessarily renewed except in extraordinary circumstances.

The Board of General Purposes stated that certain lodges had introduced the practice of using an illuminated symbol in addition to the Master's light in connection with the ceremonial and it was brought to the notice of the Craft that this was unauthorized and therefore irregular. They also decided that P.M.'s certificates could not be used as Grand Lodge had never authorized them. They frowned on the practice of "Calling Off" during the Installation ceremony, saying, "It is most undesirable to call off in the middle of any ceremony."

The Board recommended the expulsion of a member of twenty-three years standing and a P. M. of his lodge. It appears he attended a meeting of an irregular body, known as Co-Masons, which admits women. The Prov. Grand Secretary did all he could to dissuade him, but he went. He was summoned to and attended the Board meeting and spoke in his own defence. He refused to give an unconditional undertaking not to attend such meeting in future in that or any other irregular body. Very recently he requested an interview with the President in which he said he was willing to give such an undertaking provided he was not subjected to any penalty, making it evident that he held himself at liberty to break any law he did not approve of. He with full knowledge had done so and in effect said that Masons have no right to make such laws. Expulsion was ordered by Grand Lodge, thereby giving notice that the dignity of Freemasonry must be upheld and its regulations respected.

A few weeks prior to this meeting their Majesties the King and Queen, having expressed a desire to see the Peace Memorial Temple, were conducted through it by the M. W. Grand Master and were much interested in all they saw. Since their visit the King presented Grand Lodge with two bowls decorated with Masonic emblems and the Queen later sent a beautifully worked metal star with Masonic emblems which was made by French prisoners in England during the Napoleonic Wars 1798-1814.

The September meeting was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne in the City Hall. At this communication the M. W. Grand Master of Virginia was a visitor. The Grand Master Mason of Scotland with several of his Grand Officers also attended.

Grand Lodge arranged for a suitable wedding gift to R. W. Bro. H.R.H. The Duke of Kent.

The Grand Lodge of Bolivia, S.A., was recognized. This Grand Lodge was founded in 1929 by seven lodges, which had been chartered by a regular Grand Lodge.

There were two appeals to Grand Lodge. One from South Africa and one from India, Dist. of Bombay. The second case was interesting

as showing what can happen when discord enters a lodge. Apparently two factions were formed; the Master and Wardens in one faction. An application was received which was supported by the Master's faction and opposed by the other; but the Master insisted on going to ballot, which on being taken was declared clear. The candidate was duly initiated. Afterwards some of the members compared notes and discovered that five of them had cast black balls. Trouble arose and the matter was taken to the District Grand Lodge. A committee of the Board of General Purposes tried the case, sitting on eight different days. A thorough investigation was made. The accused, Master and Wardens, after the five witnesses were examined put in a written statement for the three of them. The committee was unanimous in their finding that the Master and the Wardens deliberately stated the ballot clear, when there were actually five black balls. The committee added that the black balling was done unfairly to prevent the election of one likely to support the opposite party. The result was suspension of all three officers for one year. They appealed "in a very, very long petition to Grand Lodge," the only serious point in it being they charged the Board of General Purposes of the District Grand Lodge with being prejudiced and unfair. The appeal was dismissed. Grand Lodge was lenient; they might have ordered the charter arrested and suspended the lodge for a term with justice.

The final meeting of the year was held on the 5th of December in London. M. W. Bro. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master was on the throne. Indeed he presided at all the meetings of the year but one.

The Grand Master of South Australia, M. W. Bro. Brig. Gen. Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, V.C., was present. The Pro Grand Master introduced this distinguished brother who was shortly going to New South Wales as its Governor, as one well known for brilliant service to his country, who had won the most enviable of all distinctions—the Victoria Cross—and as a sportsman had ridden in the Grand National, a race in which this Dominion of ours takes much interest.

A Deputy Grand Secretary, Bro. Sidney A. White, was appointed by the Grand Master, and the appointment with necessary amendments to the Constitution was approved.

The Board of General Purposes had to again refer to the impropriety of printing in the public press descriptions of Masonic meetings, dinners, etc., and requested Masters of lodges to use the utmost discretion in such matters. They also wished it to be noted that the words "Freemansons," "Masonic," etc., in connection with commercial undertakings will be regarded as contrary to Masonic order unless first approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, and drew attention to particular cases that had occurred, one being a lottery and another a club, both of which were evident attempts to exploit the public by using the name and reputation of the Craft.

J. H. W. S. K

FLORIDA

The 105th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was held in the City of Jacksonville on Tuesday, April 17th, 1934.

M. W. Bro. R. W. Helvenston, Grand Master, presided.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present, as well as Alberta's Representative, W. Bro. N. A. Stumpe.

Distinguished visitors were present from South Carolina, Louisiana, as well as from the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Florida.

A letter was received from the Order of DeMolay offering the services of the boys as guides to Grand Lodge members, or assistance in other ways.

Florida certainly has had an active head and we excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"I have been a full-time Grand Master. At no time, day or night, has my business or my private affairs interfered with my activities as Grand Master. An evident lack of interest and discouragement among some of the lodges and financial difficulties among others made it apparent that some real active work must be done immediately and I was convinced that no one else could do it so effectively as the Grand Master.

"During the year I have travelled 35,000 miles. Nearly all my trips have been in my automobile and I have done most of the driving.

"In many instances the Lodge Hall was crowded and everyone with eyes and ears wide open, eagerly waiting for more. It is no exaggeration to say that in many instances the crowds could not all get into the lodge halls. I am more and more impressed that there are so many worthwhile and beautiful designs that we may use that there is no excuse for ever reporting "No designs on the Trestle Board" from which the Craft may pursue their labors. It is my opinion that a large percentage of the Craft is eagerly waiting to be assigned some part in our fine building program and will demonstrate how efficiently and happily the work will be done if the leaders in the several lodges will only place the proper designs on the Trestle Board. The finer the quality of work, the more pleased are the workers. With most men and especially Masons there is in the breast a desire to do something worth while—to be of some service to man—and Masonry has a wonderful opportunity to point the way."

The Grand Master laid three Corner Stones, one for a Post Office, one a City Hall and one a Recreation Building. He refused to lay a corner stone of a school on Sunday.

The Grand Master says regarding properties:

"It is the opinion of your Grand Master that there are many pieces of property of small value that formerly belonged to what are now defunct lodges that are the property of the Grand Lodge. The value is so small that we cannot spend anything trying to salvage them, but with a list of lodges which have given up their charters within say ten or fifteen years in the hands of our District Deputy Grand Masters, a proper effort should net a snug sum of money. It is our custom when taking up a charter to leave the property intact for a year or two to give the brethren a chance to get the charters restored and by the time that much time has elapsed the matter is usually forgotten."

A new Ritual for conferring the Past Master's Degree was adopted as the Grand Master felt that the degree should be conferred with more impressive ceremonies.

Mrs. Katharine E. McKay was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Masonic Home. The Proceedings contain a splendid report of that institution.

The following was adopted which is of some interest to Alberta:

"A dimit from another Jurisdiction or a document having the value of the same, shall require the certificate of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Jurisdiction of issue, that the same is regular."

Dispensation was refused to accept petition of a man having a leg amputated at the hip, necessitating his walking on crutches.

A number of Dispensations were issued to confer second and third degrees short of the time provided by the Constitution.

It was ruled that no certificate could be issued to Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts.

It was ruled that the Entered Apprentice Degree could be conferred by a Foreign Grand Jurisdiction by courtesy.

Ruled that serving beer in Masonic Temples or Lodge Rooms or Masonic banquets will not be permitted.

Space does not permit us to quote the complete number of rulings and interpretations. Very interesting reading, most of them would meet with our approval.

Florida insists that a brother disassociate himself from every Foreign Grand Lodge before he joins a lodge there. What about Dual Membership? Many Grand Lodges are changing their viewpoint.

The Correspondence Report is written under the chairmanship of M. W. Bro. Wallace R. Chevis and he deals very liberally with Alberta.

229 Lodges, membership 21,728. Decrease 2,462.

M. W. Bro. Fred W. Delaney, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Wilbur P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Guy G. Lunsford, Grand Master, Alberta representative was present.

The Grand Master, reporting on the Grand Lodge Library, says, "This library is for the use of the brethren and books on almost any Masonic subject may be had at the cost of mailing, for use long enough to read and study them." Sometimes one wonders if we should not "loosen up a bit" with our Grand Lodge library, and I mean those books always spoken of as reference works.

M. W. Bro. Lunsford received notice from his Chairman of Foreign Correspondence that the four oldest Grand Lodges had severed relations with the Grand Lodge of Phillipine Islands over a matter of jurisdiction in China. Immediately he issued a notice to all lodges in Georgia that he had broken off relations with the Philippines and forbidding any lodge to permit visitors from that jurisdiction. Later a letter of protest from the Philippines was received and a change of heart was experienced, and countermanding letters went forth setting everything back to the status quo.

The small lodges in Georgia are having great difficulty in keeping up with Grand Lodge dues, which by the way are \$1.50 per capita, and in addition there are dues to the Grand Charity Fund. It was a matter somewhat painful we feel for the Grand Master to have to report the forfeiting via this route of some twenty-five charters.

Eternal vigilance is the price of virtue. In spite of eternal vigilance there is always some well meaning brother with a burning idea of helping who only succeeds in making trouble. A lodge was in dire need of funds to repair the lodge room, so a lodge barbecue and picnic for the fourth of July was agreed upon and a committee appointed to carry the idea out. Enters the helpful brother without consultation, who invites the O.E.S. and a political speaker to "help swell the attendance," and also puts an advertisement in the paper. The proverbial morning after always comes and so the lodge charter was lifted while the necessary apologies and amends were being attended to.

Recently the Masonic Service Association sent out a questionnaire to two hundred prominent Masons. One question was, "Do you believe that the present loss in membership eventually will prove a source of strength?" 83.5% answered in the affirmative. In the opinion of 57% of the same number "the general public does not have the same regard and respect for Freemasonry today as it had a generation ago." Which prompted the Grand Master to have each Mason ask himself, "Would Masonry be stronger without my name on the roll? Have I by word or action caused the general public to respect Freemasonry less? When each of us can honestly answer No, we shall have no fear for the welfare of Masonry."

Some years ago this jurisdiction erected and delivered to the State a Children's Cottage in connection with the State Tubercular Sanitarium. It was fully occupied for some years and now it is found that only 33 of the 77 beds are occupied. There would be room for congratulation if the lack of patients was due to lack of cases. Some suggestion was made to make the beds available for senior cases, but was rejected when it was pointed out that there were more cases of child tuberculosis in Georgia than could be accommodated. The difficulty was largely a matter of proper diagnosis and the availability of X-Ray equipment carried out with the idea of seeing that case finding and diagnosis are more searching.

Masonic Education is carried out by 45 Lodges of Research and the monthly issue of the "The Messenger" which goes to all Masons in the State. The Review of Foreign Proceedings is made from time to time through the columns of "The Messenger."

A resolution was adopted to accept the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to attend their 200th anniversary in "1935." That date is wrong and cannot be a misprint for it appears in several places, but by now I am sure they do not need this reminder that the date is 1936. It was decided to send two representatives, the Grand Master as of that date and M. W. Bro. Clarke.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported:

1. A brother became bankrupt and in filing a list of his debts included his lodge dues. The Grand Master ruled that this was not un-Masonic. The Committee added that nevertheless if the lodge did not care to remit all or a portion of the outstanding dues that failure to pay same left the brother open for suspension, without regard to the action of the bankruptcy court.

2. A Master of a lodge may suspend a trial while it is still pending, but may not do so indefinitely.

It is a pleasure to note in the Report of the Committee on General Welfare that there is a decided improvement in the financial condition of the Grand Lodge. They recommend more diligence in lodges in the matter of visitation of the sick and a committee to see that Masonic funerals receive the proper attention. They recommend the more general use of the beautiful ceremony of the Lodge of Sorrow.

Lodges, 544. Membership, 41,931. Loss, 2,600.

M. W. Grand Master—Eugene D. Thomas.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Frank F. Baker.

V.H.M.

IDAHO

Sixty-eighth Annual Communication held at Idaho Falls, September 11th, 1934. M. W. Bro. S. Irven Roberson, Grand Master.

Lodges 81, membership 9,462. Loss for the year 391.

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master visited all nine District Meetings and is enthusiastic about their success.

He reports that work on the Washington Memorial is practically at a standstill for lack of funds. The liquor situation bothers in Idaho too, but M. W. Bro. Roberson opines definitely "let us ban beer from our portals."

As usual with every Grand Master questions are asked and answered. We wonder if this Grand Master thought questions numbers one and ten as silly as we do?

Conditions in Idaho seem to be reflected in a sentence in the report of the Committee on Masonic Education: "This year has been somewhat uneventful in most ways, and has been lacking in some of the more striking enthusiasms of former years." Which is probably as it ought to be. Fever can't rage indefinitely without something unfortunate happening the patient.

A neat report is presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence summarizing the main trend of Masonic opinion and affairs. No reviews are printed.

The Annual Oration deals with the Prevention of Crime. Bro. McCutcheon brings out some startling, if rather depressing, statistics.

Next Annual Communication, Boise.

M. W. Grand Master—John T. Wood, Coeur d'Alene.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Curtis F. Fike, Boise.

A.M.M.

ILLINOIS

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the City of Chicago on October 9th, 1934, M. W. Bro. Grover C. Niemeyer, Grand Master, presiding. Nine Past Grand Masters were present. During the year Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Henry I. Burnap passed away.

Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Missouri.

Under "Conditions of the Craft," we excerpt from the Grand Master's Address:

"We close the year with a reduction in membership of approximately twenty thousand, a loss greater than any previous year, primarily due to the policy of suspending those who, though able, failed to pay dues. The loss is not as great as was expected. A further pruning to rid ourselves of this useless material can be safely made.

"More attention is being given to the business affairs of the lodge, including the collection of dues and with the slight increase in petitions, the lodges as a whole are in better financial condition and have a more cheerful outlook.

"Exception must be made of those lodges which are burdened with building projects, the obligations in respect to which are in default by reason of non-payment of taxes, assessments, interest, or principal. The demoralizing influence of debt was never more obvious than in the disintegration of these lodges. Almost without exception there is an appalling loss of membership due to demissions or suspensions for non-payment of dues; many other members become delinquent, attendance steadily decreases; there is a struggle to meet running expenses; granting of relief, except through contributions of individual Masons is negligible; and the morale of officers and members is exceedingly low."

Under maintenance of the Home he says:

"The homes are supposed to be maintained through the charity fund consisting of one-half of the annual dues paid to the Grand Lodge, and such amounts as have been given to the homes by gifts, devices, etc. The part of the dues income of the Grand Lodge set apart for the homes has never been sufficient for their maintenance and a transfer from the general fund has always been necessary. Grand Lodge dues in Illinois are considerably below the average in the United States, as is the amount of such dues set aside for charity. Only eight Grand Jurisdictions receive less annual dues per member than Illinois."

Under Lodge Dues we read:

"The payment of dues is a duty incumbent upon every Mason and the neglect or refusal to fulfill this duty except for good cause is an infraction of Masonic law and a violation of the Masonic covenant. Our regulations are specific as to the conditions under which a member may be excused in whole or in part from the fulfillment of this obligation. In the mad race for numbers and the dislike of Masters to show loss of membership during their administrations, delinquency in payment of dues has been ignored. Within the last year or two lodges have been passing blanket resolutions authorizing the remission of all delinquent dues upon payment of those of the current year without regard to the pecuniary circumstances of the individual brethren whose dues were thus remitted. One Master of a lodge took advantage of

such a resolution when, if his pecuniary condition was such that he was unable to pay his lodge dues, he could not afford to take from his personal affairs either the time or energy necessary for the performance of a Master's duties."

The Grand Master says in regard to raising money for relief purposes:

"Accordingly, it was ordered that no Masonic Lodge, Mason or Masons participate in, hold or permit to be held, any entertainment dance, card party, dinner or other affair for the use or benefit directly or indirectly of any Masonic Lodge or for any Masonic purpose to which the public is admitted upon the payment of any fee or charge."

Public Installations are permissible but the Grand Master discouraged such ceremonies being public:

The Grand Master arrested the charter of a lodge which admitted serving intoxicants at a social function given by the lodge.

Under "Discipline" we excerpt:

"Masonic discipline for violations of civil or moral law is not intended as punishment but is designed to rid the lodge of a member whose continued connection with the fraternity is inconsistent with its welfare. While it is regrettable that disciplinary action should be necessary, it would be more regrettable if Masonry—exemplar of virtue, truth and light—should stultify itself by closing its eyes and knowingly failing to recognize violations of its sacred teachings or the civil law.

"Responsibility for vigorous, impartial and intelligent enforcement of discipline rests upon the officers of the constituent and Grand Lodges. Whenever a brother's un-Masonic conduct comes to the notice of either of these officers in any manner whatsoever, it is their duty to see that an honest, intelligent investigation is made, without regard to the individual involved, to the end of disclosing all material evidence, and that action consistent with the dignity and honor of the fraternity be taken. No fear of disturbing the harmony of the lodge should cause an officer to shrink from his duty, permit the countenancing of evil men or whitewashing of offenders of any kind. Desirable as harmony is, when purchased at the price of neglect of duty or of compromise with dishonor, it is purchased too dearly and its possession becomes un-Masonic."

The following edict was issued:

"No Mason who is a candidate for political office shall in any way advertise or make use of his Masonic affiliations (including organizations whose membership is predicated upon good standing in Ancient Craft Masonry) in any campaign literature, speech, broadcast, biographical sketch, or other means intended to promote his candidacy.

"No Mason shall publish, permit or procure the publication in any Masonic paper, lodge bulletin, Masonic Temple Bulletin, magazine or pamphlet, or any printed matter issued in a name suggestive of Masonry, or intended primarily for Masons, any news item, announcement or advertisement of the candidacy of any person for political office.

"No lodge or group of Masons meeting as such or under any name suggestive of Masonry, shall during or preceding any political campaign,

advertise, introduce or permit the appearance of any candidate for political office at such lodge or Masonic meeting, except in his official Masonic position, or as speaker on a strictly Masonic subject."

The Committee on Legislation recommended that in the qualification for a candidate the words "is a citizen of the United States" be stricken out. Thank you Illinois.

It also makes it compulsory for every lodge to adopt a budget within thirty days after the beginning of each fiscal year.

M. W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach writes the Correspondence Report. In his Foreword he mentions specially two outstanding events: the Dedication of the London Peace Memorial and the Bi-Centennial of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Bro. Beach, writing on Life Membership, says:

"The Grand Lodge of Oregon at its last meeting adopted this plan, requiring payment of \$150.00 by members between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive, \$125.00 between the ages of 36 and 51 inclusive, and \$100.00 for those older than 51 years. From every angle this arrangement is advantageous to the lodge. Annual payment of a sum equal to the dues of the member is insured for his lifetime, and then the principal may become a part of the benevolent, charitable or other funds of the lodge."

Alberta was not reviewed.

M. W. Bro. Grover C. Niemeyer—Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Richard C. Davenport—Grand Secretary.

1,011 Lodges. 244,161 Members. Decrease, 19,990.

M.M.D.

INDIANA

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held in the City of Indianapolis on May 22nd, 1934, M. W. Bro. Frank G. Laird presiding. Alberta's Representative, M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz, was among the twenty Past Grand Masters present. He is also Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master laid the Corner Stone of four Public Buildings.

M. W. Bro. Laird made the following decisions, which are of interest, but are not always followed in Alberta:

1. The First Degree cannot be conferred upon a candidate on the night of election.
2. A lodge cannot participate in non-Masonic affairs as a lodge organization.
3. A lodge cannot vote money out of lodge funds to support outside charities.
4. A non-Masonic organization cannot use the dining room of a lodge on Sunday for the purpose of holding a Convention.

Speaking on the condition of the Fraternity we excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"The general condition of the Fraternity throughout this Grand Jurisdiction is good. It is true that our loss in membership has been rather heavy during this troublesome period but I believe that we have about reached the bottom—we will begin to rebuild from here on. There is a very strong desire on the part of our Masons in this State to retain their Masonic affiliations. Generally speaking, I believe there is a much better Masonic spirit existing at the present moment than we have had for some time."

M. W. Bro. Laird attended the Conference of the Grand Masters of the United States. Forty-one of the forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions were represented. This Conference is in no wise a governing body, but acts as a Board of Education for the Grand Master in attendance. Alberta's Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes, called a conference of all the Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the four Canadian Western Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master presided at a Masonic Trial of a Worshipful Master.

Grand Lodge made a drive for funds for the Masonic Home and set aside St. John the Baptist Day as Indiana's Masonic Home Day. An endeavor was made to have every member in Indiana voluntarily contribute at least One Dollar as his subscription. This was work worth while.

During the year subordinate lodges remitted the dues of 6,712 members.

The minimum fee for initiation was reduced from \$30.00 to \$20.00.

Indiana, though not a member of the Masonic Relief Association of Canada and United States, received a visit from R. W. Bro. E. Earle Axtell the Secretary of that Association. We excerpt from Bro. Axtell's address:

"The aims and objects of the Association are briefly described as follows:

First: The detection and publication in the Bulletin of unworthy Masons and impostors preying upon the Fraternity.

Second: The co-ordinating and correlating of the various forms of Masonic relief throughout the United States and Canada.

Third: The promotion of prompt and effective methods of handling cases of inter-jurisdictional relief.

Fourth: To act as the agency in organizing Masonic Relief in times of National disaster when such services are requested by any Grand Lodge or group of Grand Lodges.

Fifth: To provide a meeting place for the discussion of all those varied problems of Masonic Relief which in these days are so pressing and bring together those who are active and interested in Masonic Relief of every form and character."

Of the 555 lodges we give the following particulars:

" 58 lodges show neither gain nor loss in 1932.

83 lodges show gain of 221.

414 lodges show loss of 4,629.

145 lodges conferred no degrees in 1932.

The average membership is 221."

Distinguished guests were present as follows:

Bro. Roy D. Smiley, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar,
Bro. Charles H. Warme, Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite and Bro.
P. G. M. Dunbar, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of all
Indiana.

The per capita cost of maintaining the Masonic Home was \$284.00
The Home family consists of 440 members, composed of 244 adults and
196 children. 376 were received through lodges and 64 through the
Eastern Star. There is a waiting list of 60 accepted applicants.

The following Grand Lodges were accorded recognition:

Sao Paulo Brazil; Para Brazil; Bahia Brazil; Czechoslovakia,
hessing zu den drie Rigen of Czechoslovakia; National Grand Lodge of
Columbia; National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France.
Recognition of Denmark was postponed.

Section 115 of Indiana Regulations is worth quoting:

"Any non-affiliated Master Mason, who for a period of six months
shall fail to affiliate with some regular lodge, thereby deprives himself
of the rights to demand relief; to visit a lodge; to participate in any
public procession or ceremony of the Order; to have a Masonic burial;
and of all other rights and privileges of an affiliated Brother. He may
petition for affiliation at his pleasure."

The Committee on Grand Lecturer's Report has this to say re-
garding unpaid dues:

"We concur in his recommendation that dues should not be re-
mitted without first having a statement from the brother and corrobora-
tion by other brethren acquainted with his circumstances. We also
believe that unpaid dues of a brother who could pay, should not be
permitted to accumulate for so many years as to form an unsurmount-
able obstacle, for when final action must be taken, and he is suspended,
he will feel and will be likely to spread his feelings that he has been
unjustly treated by being suspended when it was impossible to pay his
total indebtedness. Encouragement of installment payments during
these unusual times, would, we believe, tend to reduce delinquencies."

M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay presents the Correspondence Report and
gives a summary of the membership and decreases in the Grand Lodges
of Canada and the United States.

555 Lodges. 117,680 members. Decrease 4,998.

M. W. Bro. Harry Yeo—Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz—Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

IOWA

The Proceedings are dedicated as the Library~Jubilee Number in
recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the erection of the Library
Building. As is well known, this Grand Lodge possesses the largest and
finest Masonic Library extant.

Ninety-first Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Lars A. Larson,
Grand Master.

Bro. Larson is of the opinion that the non-attenders and seeming disinterested members of Masonry "do care because they have been holding on in a remarkable way and this fact demonstrates to my satisfaction at least that Masonry does, after all, have a wonderful hold on its votaries."

A quick survey of his jurisdiction discloses "as perhaps never before the essential necessity for leadership. No lodge can properly and successfully conduct its affairs without leadership and good management. In my journeyings about this State I have been downcast in spirit by conditions as I have discovered them in some localities, yet I have been wonderfully inspired and even surprised to find in so many places definite indications of revived interest, increased activity and improved morale. Upon further analysis of these various situations I have always found that it goes back to the same old proposition of local leadership."

Unfortunately true is his statement, "The chief benefits of associating ourselves into a fraternity such as ours is spiritual, but we have sometimes permitted the loss of our temporal holdings also to wreck our spiritual temple."

Several dispensations were issued to rebalot on petitions, but no reasons were given therefor.

Decisions:

1. A lodge may not temporarily reduce its initiation fees to cover a given period as that pre-supposes no further action may be taken at any intervening meeting. By-laws are enacted for all time unless changed by subsequent action in the regular way.

2. A lodge may not use surplus funds for remitting the dues of other than those unable to pay.

Lodge finances are a source of concern to every Grand Lodge and we think Bro. Larson has said well when he says, "During these times it has come forcibly to our attention that every lodge should carefully consider its financial condition. Every lodge in fixing the amount of its annual dues should so carefully estimate its income and outgo that the receipts from dues alone would be adequate to take care of all actual necessary operating expenses and to have in view all legitimate demands for charity. I am firmly of the opinion that every lodge should adopt an annual budget, and it should balance. Running expense should be defrayed by annual dues. I am entirely out of sympathy with the idea that a reduction of fifty cents per year or some such amount should spell the difference between a brother's ability or non-ability to pay such dues. If Masonry is worthwhile it is worth the small sum it costs. Our duty is plain where a brother cannot pay, but it is far too evident that many are complaining of inability to pay their dues and yet seem to have money to satisfy their desire for personal indulgences and sometimes luxuries. Masonry has a glorious past, but we cannot feed the hungry or clothe the naked with sentiment. Money is needed and I know of no place where a dollar will do so much charitable work as through Masonic channels."

Listen to some sound advice on dues: "Possibly a considerable amount of the membership loss sustained is by reason of lax methods in the collection of dues. The practice of allowing further time has sometimes prevailed over a period of from three to ten years and even though the membership think they are doing the brother a favor, in

reality they are doing him an injustice. If one or two years' dues cannot be paid it would reasonably follow that a greater amount is that much more difficult to collect and in the meantime the lodge has to pay out its per capita to Grand Lodge." As a partial remedy the Grand Master sent letters to the lodges placing emphasis upon the necessity and good judgment of the early collection of dues rather than leaving it till the closing months of the year.

The Masonic Service Committee reports the success of a special Thanksgiving meeting of lodges, also the repetition again this year and with benefit of the simultaneous "Re-obligation Night."

The National Grand Lodge of Colombia, Baranquilla, and the Grand Lodge of Denmark, Copenhagen, were accorded recognition.

Much time of Grand Masters in the U.S.A. is taken up since the repeal of prohibition in determining the eligibility of candidates and even the status of the current members who find themselves handling the new 3.2% beer. A new aspect presents itself in Iowa where evidently a lodge desired to have it available within the temple. Succinctly and tersely the Grand Master ruled that while there was no law in their Code which specifically prohibited it, yet he doubted seriously the advisability and ruled against it as being contrary to the whole spirit of Masonry and repugnant to Masonic ideals.

Some years ago a well disposed man and wife decided to perpetuate the memory of a splendid Mason by creating a fund of \$100,000.00 for Masonic charitable education in Iowa. The estate in full was to pass to Grand Lodge on their death, but in the meantime it was invested in "real estate bonds of Straus and Co, and Kulp and Co." yielding over \$6,000.00 per annum. They were to retain out of the annual income only sufficient for themselves. Now the bulk of this is in default and last year the income was about \$985.00 which was insufficient to keep these worthy and well disposed people. The fund was therefore left without any current income and the future looks very dark indeed for the continuance of this charity. Verily "the best laid plans o' mice and men gang aft alee."

Trial by commission has been the subject of discussion and investigation for several years in Iowa and we find a very lengthy report this year with a minority report appended. The majority plan proposed was for the appointment of the commission from within the membership of the trial lodge, selection to be somewhat similar to that of obtaining a jury in the courts, with rights to challenge. The minority report proposed a plan similar to that which we have here of having the Grand Master appoint certain Past Masters outside of the trial lodge. The scheme was laid over for another year.

Grand Lodge was saddened by the sudden death of the wife of the Deputy Grand Master during Grand Lodge session.

An excellent review comes from the brilliant mind of Bro. Louis Block. It is embellished with a Foreword "The House not made with Hands" which we think is much better done than his concluding Afterword "That Undiscovered Country." His discussion of the former leads one through many beautiful thoughts and poetical quotations. Describing that house he says it is "built of the unseen things which are eternal,—when you enter it you hear sound, a sound as of some mighty poem chanted. Listen long enough and you will learn that it is made up of the beating of human hearts, of the nameless music

of men's souls. That is if you have ears. If you have eyes you will presently see the Temple itself—a looming mystery of many shapes and shadows, leaping sheer from floor to dome. The work of no ordinary builder.”

In the postlude he likens Masonry to a voyage of discovery. “Not only does it involve much travelling in foreign countries, but the journey apparently has no end. It is also a journey into the mind and soul of man in which new vistas are constantly opening upon our view.”

Alberta, 1933, and particularly M. W. Bro. Blackstock's address receive courteous and commendatory review.

Lodges, 556. Membership, 74,820. Loss, 4,533.

M. W. Grand Master—Burton H. Saxton:

R. W. Grand Secretary—Charles C. Hunt.

V.H.M.

IRELAND

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, 27th December, 1934. R. W. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke, Deputy Grand Master, presided in the absence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore. K.P.

The Deputy Grand Master in his address expressed his regret that the recent severe illness of the M. W. the Grand Master prevented his presence.

This Grand Lodge during the year suffered the loss by death of several distinguished brethren. One was Col. Sharman-Crawford, Prov. G. M. of Co. Down, who was well known far beyond the shores of his own country, having travelled extensively in South Africa and the U.S.A., visiting many lodges in these countries. Another was R. W. Sir Robert Baird, K.B.E., Grand Treasurer, a cut of whose portrait adorns the Proceedings, and whose name is also familiar to many Irishmen residing abroad.

On the invitation of His Majesty the King of Sweden, who is the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Sweden, a Deputation consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Prov. G. M. of Meath, the Junior Grand Warden and the Grand Secretary proceeded to Stockholm, where they had the privilege of being entertained by His Majesty and the Grand Lodge of Sweden and also of witnessing the working of several degrees, one of which was presided over by the King himself, who conferred the degree, “in the most impressive manner.” At the end of the ceremonies he presented to the Grand Lodge of Ireland a beautiful silver cup of Swedish design as a memento of the occasion.

It was on his arrival at Stockholm the Grand Master was taken so seriously ill and unfortunately was unable to take any part in the proceedings. The Deputy Grand Master remarked on the magnificence and beauty of the Swedish ritual and the perfection with which it is worked, saying that while there are many differences, in all essential points it is the same as the Irish Working, and any Irish brother would

soon realize that he was taking part in a ceremony just the same as he was accustomed to at home.

The benevolent work under the Grand Lodge of Sweden is remarkable. There is a large orphanage near Stockholm for boys and girls, who are clothed, boarded and educated to take their places in the world when grown up. They also have "Alms Houses" where aged brethren, their widows and in some cases their wives, are maintained. He mentioned one case of an Irish lady and her husband who was a native of Sweden, who had thus found peace and security in their old age, saying this impressed him more than anything he saw—"A living link in the chain of charity that binds our Masonic Order together all over the world."

It is a pleasure to read that steady progress towards more prosperous times is being made; that the lean years of unemployment and of privation are spoken of as in the past. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master reports that all the Provinces are improving in this respect.

The Irish Charities carry on their wonderful work as always. Their schools are maintaining their high standard; their Annuity Fund has more beneficiaries on its list than ever before, and while the burden is heavy, the brethren responded splendidly to the appeal sent out by the Deputy Grand Master. There is an increase in subscriptions to their three principal charities. He notes that the bulk of these subscriptions come from Masonic bodies and appeals to the individual member to personally subscribe. He suggests that the revival of "that good old custom" of passing St. John's Box at every meeting would be desirable. If this were done he was sure the total amount so collected would be impressive.

The Reports from the Provincial Grand Lodges at home and abroad all agree, that great improvement in conditions is apparent, and no where in the entire Proceedings is there any mention of arrears of dues. This particular problem only seems to be acute on this Continent. There is no doubt a reason. One P.G.L. report states that two lodges raised their dues ten shillings per member, the entire increase to be given to the Charities. Another reports an increase of four shillings per head, contributed by every member in the province. Still another shows an increase in subscriptions over the three depression years, and when we know that the financial difficulties in Ireland are at least as great as our own in Alberta, we must admit that our Irish brethren live up to the letter and spirit of the principles of Masonry.

Their overseas lodges in South Africa and New Zealand also send messages of loyalty to their Mother Grand Lodge with the same optimistic outlook.

It is interesting to note, in looking over the list of donations to their library and museum, together with books purchased, a number of titles, that we have been obtaining ourselves for our library and for lodges and members.

J.H.W.S.K.

KANSAS

Seventy-eighth Annual Communication held at Topeka, February 21st and 22nd, 1934. M. W. Bro. George O. Foster, Grand Master.

Lodges 448, membership 69,280, net loss for the year 4,871.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. Paul M. Martin.

We commend Grand Master Foster's preamble to his address dealing with the Purpose of Masonry. From his opening comment "You come here for no idle purpose" to his quotation from the Psalmist "Behold how good and how pleasant. . . ." it is a neatly put and sincere little homily.

The Grand Master specifically rules on the Life Membership problem briefly and to the point: "A lodge may not make its Past Officers life members exempt from the payment of dues, nor place on the free membership list those who have paid dues for a given number of years. Life memberships may be issued to the aged with impaired finances and earning power; and for rare cases of exceptional service."

The Grand Master reports that he is "convinced that fully twenty-five per cent of the lodges of Kansas are not receiving sufficient income to be prosperous and healthy and, furthermore, that they are not inclined, of themselves, to improve their condition in this respect." Unfortunately, the statement is probably true of most Grand Lodges.

Speaking of the dissemination of Masonic knowledge, the Grand Master favors a permanent lecturer or instructor whose business would be to travel among the lodges, as a full time job, instructing them in all phases of Masonic work and duty. Not a bad idea at that, but his visits to any individual lodge would of necessity be few and far between.

The oration from the pen of Bro. Raymond A. Schwegler of Lawrence Lodge No. 6, is one of the best we have read in years. "What is Freemasonry's right to live today?" We wish we could reproduce this brother's answer in full. We quote much more liberally than is our wont, in sincere appreciation of a most able thesis:

"Any institution which cannot endure such a process of purgation, whose purposes do not contribute to the fundamental needs of man has no right to claim continued existence at a time when many of the most cherished of our hallowed institutions are crumbling and their debris is being swept out into the limbo of an unmourned past.

"Prosperity such as that through which we have recently come is fraught with menace to ideals, for it emphasizes frill and numbers and gilded halls with the ever-growing danger that the soul of it all be forgotten and hopelessly lost."

"Fundamentally, the Masonic doctrine conceives of the individual human being as something essentially secret, not to be exploited or enslaved by any external power. It conceives of this human being as responsible only to his God for the direction and control of his life. It believes that it is the duty of every man to make out of himself the noblest and divinest kind of a man that it is possible with his equipment and under his circumstances to become. It judges a man's achievement not in terms of his wealth or of his station or power, but in terms of his character. It conceives that life consists of one long effort to build the best kind of character which it lies within his power to build, and it contends that the building of character can proceed only when the builder is free to choose in the light of the best knowledge that is given him, and without coercion from political or spiritual tyrannies. To be just but merciful, to be square but generous, to be upright but tolerant, having regard always to the figurative temple of which each act is thought of as a significant component, that is the practical road along which the Mason is required to advance."

"Masonry then stands irrevocably committed to a program of unlimited self-improvement, not only for the selected few, but for the unchosen many. Masonry in its very essence is the uncompromising protagonist of the universal public school, because freedom without knowledge is a ghastly menace and a crushing farce. No man can be a Mason unless he is himself each day expanding his own range of insight and knowledge, for no man can truly read the design on the trestleboard unless he has learned to read it, and unless he has mastered the characteristics of the material with which he builds."

"Freedom, furthermore, is not a static thing which when once achieved can be lightly treated and neglected. A thousand forces stretch out their hands each moment to seize and throttle it, and to lay it low. A man's own weakness and vice enthrall him unless he be on his guard. Greed and lust for gold and power lay snares for it, and coldly calculating selfishness plans to poison and destroy it. The sky is dark at this very moment with the clouds of threatened storm. The tyranny of a Soviet, the cunning of the fascist, the ruthlessness of a Hitler, what are these but reminders of the fact that freedom is a shy elusive gift, quick to be lost, and hard to regain. Mussolini has hardly gained his power that he crushes the one order which stands for freedom. Hitler bans the Masons because he fears their search for light. The Soviet outlaws lodges because they stand at the opposite pole of social policy. Let no man foolishly imagine that freedom having been once gained needs no further defence. Every stuffed ballot-box, every crooked politician, every move toward sumptuary control by organized fanatic minorities, every blast of honeyed propaganda intent on narcotizing the public mind is an assault on liberty, none the less truly because it is subtle and indirect. The Mason's task is clear. He is the world's great unflinching protagonist of freedom—freedom of thought, freedom of conscience, freedom of art—intelligent freedom, considerate freedom, orderly freedom."

The usual statistical tables and an abbreviated review of Foreign Correspondence completes the Report. Unfortunately Alberta's Proceedings are not reviewed.

Next Annual Communication, Wichita, Kansas, February 20th, 1933.

M. W. Grand Master—James A. Cassler, McPherson.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.

A. M. M.

KENTUCKY

One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication, Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Richard Priest Dietzman.

Grand Lodge last year did what many another body has done in passing a resolution hastily, presented to meet what seems to be an emergency, only to find later that hidden away in a forgotten page of the Constitution is a clause overlooked by everybody which specifically denies the action taken. The right end is always accomplished finally by notices of motion of amendment and being laid over. In this case for some years there has been a serious drain on the membership by virtue of suspensions for failure to meet the assessment for the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Building Fund (\$20.00), if our memory is correct).

The desire was to permit lodges to restore to membership those discovering their position, Grand Lodge Officers assumed the responsibility of permitting lodge to proceed, with the undertaking that all would be righted this year.

They have a section in their Constitution down in Kentucky which requires a suspended Mason on petitioning for re-membership to not only pay the amount owed at the time of suspension, but also the amount accrued in the interim as Grand Lodge dues and assessments.

The Grand Master gave an interesting decision on constitutional amendments and parliamentary procedure which it is hoped will be "read, marked and inwardly digested" in Alberta. The matter arose over the question as to what majority was required to carry an amendment to a proposed amendment. Referring to the rules governing the Congress of the United States it was found that the requirement of a two-thirds majority only applied to the final passage of the amendment and not to any preliminary divisions of the question.

Frankly we do not like the Grand Master's answer on the question of a lodge taking a candidate's note for initiation fees. He stated that the Constitution required that same be paid in cash, but how the lodge invested its money after receipt lies within the province of the lodge itself. There is an atmosphere of subterfuge about that. Why not be blunt and say that if a candidate cannot raise the amount in cash he is not financially competent for membership. Let us keep it very clear that Freemasonry is an institution for giving. One must have before he can give.

The question of a Worshipful Master who had removed from the jurisdiction desiring to be relieved of his duties was solved by the Grand Master interpreting the Constitution permitting the Master to resign and for the Senior Warden to hold an election. Alberta holds that a Worshipful Master may not resign nor be relieved of his duties as he is installed "for the ensuing twelve months and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in my stead." The word "and", after twelve months, is supplementary and indicates extension. Should the word "or" have been used, it would have been qualifying in effect, or permissive.

Have subordinate lodges the right in Kentucky to incorporate for the purpose of holding property and if so is it good policy for them to do so, was considered by the Grand Master. He felt that incorporation of a lodge placed that body in certain relation to the State and State laws which might not be compatible with the close relationship of lodge to Grand Lodge. In future he desired that there be "Hall Associations" for holding property. Again Alberta differs as we encourage the incorporation of lodges. The original incorporation of Grand Lodge was under the Friendly Societies Act which sets up special legislation by which subordinate bodies may be incorporated without losing any special jurisdictional powers.

Masonic funerals and the Burial Service received the following comment:

"There has been noted a growing indisposition on the part of families of our departed brethren to request that these brethren be laid away with Masonic honors. It may be, that as now constituted, our Masonic service is too long to be used as a commitment service at the grave, and perhaps that part of it which is intended to admonish and instruct the living brethren as distinguished from that part of it which

has purely to do with the committment of the body to its last resting place has no appeal to the family who in their sorrow and grief have their thoughts centered on the loved one who is gone, rather than on his living brethren who survive him."

A committee was appointed to look into it. This is not the place to debate the matter. However, one believes that back of it all lies the fundamental fact that there is a different conception today of what death and immortality implies to that of a generation or two ago. Who does not remember the custom of hanging crepe on the door of the house of the deceased and the wearing of crepe as arm bands and in the hat for months. Palaver and ostentation have gone from funerals and simplicity today makes it well nigh impossible for many to attend as they would like at Masonic funerals, and this very fact causes many to hesitate in asking for a Masonic burial.

Down Kentucky way they raise good horse flesh. Some few years ago when Grand Lodge met there was a complaint that the races were on and interfered with Grand Lodge. Never again! This year long distance perspective discovered that contemplated dates conflicted. Judicious getting together with the Racing Commission caused the conflict to be adjusted.

Past Grand Master Cowles addressed Grand Lodge at length upon the subject of International Masonry. Summarizing his remarks:

Recently the most bitter and vicious attacks have been made upon Masonry throughout the world but particularly in Europe. Masonry has been suppressed in Italy, Germany and Portugal. In France books and pamphlets bitterly attacking Masonry have been scattered through the country and dropped from aeroplanes upon the streets of Paris. Certain sources have falsely asserted that Stavisky was a Mason and endeavored to thereby discredit the Craft. The day following the assassinations of Marseilles syndicated press notices were broadcast by the same interests slanderously endeavoring to create the impression that Freemasonry was at the back of it. These untruths find lodging place in the minds of those traditionally opposed to the Craft. As a gesture of sympathy with them in their struggle to establish the principles of Freemasonry in the great continents of South America, Kentucky extended recognition to the Grand Orient of Amasonas, and Acre, and the Grand Lodge of Pernambuco, Brazil.

Past Grand Master William Clarke conducts the cruise through other Proceedings and finds much to quote from M. W. Bro. Blackstock's address and in particular that part referring to the economic and social world conditions in relation to Freemasonry.

Lodges, 540. Membership, 46,865. Loss, 3,270.

M. W. Grand Master—Hebbert Henderson.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Fred W. Hardwick.

V.H.M.

MAINE

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine held its One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication in the City of Portland on Wednesday, the first day of May, 1934, with M. W. Bro. Ernest C. Butler, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Several distinguished brethren from neighboring jurisdictions were received and accorded the honors due to their station.

The address of the Grand Master follows a somewhat different line from that given by him last year, and is a very readable document of the account of his stewardship, bringing forth some very excellent suggestions that might well be adopted in all Grand Jurisdictions. He recommends the greater use of the services of the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, especially in the matter of lodge visitation. He visited a lodge that had not had the pleasure of receiving a Grand Officer for one hundred and five years, and states that were he to continue in office he would concentrate his energies on the small lodge.

Grand Master Butler is to be commended on his remarks on his District Deputies. He was fortunate in having one deputy who made a report that was somewhat outstanding and from this he quotes freely to give his Grand Lodge an opportunity of knowing how a report should be prepared. We quite approve of his remarks on the election of the District Deputy, too often the lodge and not the man is the consideration when making the nomination.

On the subject of Masonic Histories the Grand Master draws attention to the neglect of these by the lodges and in order to keep himself from going to seed the Grand Master has decided to write the history of his own lodge.

The Grand Lodge representatives are called to time for the perfunctory manner in which they are prone to perform their duties, and they are exhorted to maintain that contact between the several Grand Lodges of which they are the symbol.

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary attended the Dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial Temple in London, England. The Proceedings contain a very excellent report on this event from the pen of Bro. C. E. Leach, Grand Secretary.

We are pleased to note that the Representative for Alberta was able to answer the roll call, although detained by illness.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

The Committee on Masonic Education recognizes the value of a systematic program of Education, but they have not been able to prepare such a program and asked to be continued as a Committee in order to devise some plan suitable to the requirements of their jurisdiction.

The Proceedings of the Charity Fund is set out in the appendix and shows that \$30,320.79 was spent in benevolent work during the year. A copy of their regulations also appears in the Proceedings.

The review of the Proceedings of Foreign Correspondence is once again from the pen of Bro. Ashley A. Smith, who, in his Foreword bids us look to the "Fountain of Living Water" for that dynamic force which will enable us to execute the designs laid down on our Masonic Trestle Board. His review of Alberta is sympathetic, quoting copiously from the address of our M. W. Bro. Blackstock, with whom he seems to be in hearty accord. This reviewer thanks Bro. Ashley A. Smith for his remarks and is pleased to note that Maine is not predisposed to Masonic Institutionalism in her Benevolent Work.

Clark D. Chapman—M. W. Grand Master.
Convers E. Leach—R. W. Grand Secretary.

W.I.

MANITOBA

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the City of Brandon on 13th June, 1934, M. W. Bro. James MacKie, Grand Master presiding.

R. W. Bro. H. M. Kerr represented Alberta.

R. W. Bro. Forkner, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, was a visitor.

Reference is made to the passing of M. W. Bro. P. E. Kellete, P.G.M.

The Grand Master reports his attendance at all District Meetings and he stresses their value and the necessity of properly arranged programmes. He evidently has been called upon for rulings on points covered by the Constitution for he urges a careful study of it. Truly sound advice.

Gratitude is expressed to those who had extended help to distressed families by sending sufficient vegetables to carry 175 families through the winter.

The Grand Master is alive to the dangers which confront us in these days and his parting word of advice is worthy of reproduction.

"Brethren, in honour to ourselves, our Fraternity, our Country and our God, let us in these days of stress and strain play the man by meeting and overcoming every obstacle that would pull down and destroy, and on the sure foundation of the golden rule as experienced builders we must make our individual contribution to ordered government, civilization and human progress, remembering that we are all dependent one upon the other, and that the great object in life is to be of service to our fellowmen."

During the year the Committee on Benevolence disbursed the sum of \$12,337.64, the number of beneficiaries being 66. It is suggested that the Benevolent Fund be increased and that lodges having surplus funds should donate such funds to the Benevolent Fund. The reaction to this suggestion will be interesting.

Masonic education in Manitoba is promoted by means of study clubs. Progress is indicated from the fact that at a conference of Study Club leaders there were present 59 members, representing seven districts.

Manitoba, in common with other jurisdictions, reports a further decrease in membership. The net figure for the year is 359. It would appear that suspensions N.P.D. account for a great part of the losses. A sad reflection of the conditions through which we are passing.

A feature of the meeting was an extremely able and scholarly address by R. W. Bro. Moffit, Past D.D.G.M. of District No. 1. From it I venture to quote:

"Someone recently said: 'Warfare is carried on, with weapons, but wars are made by ideas.' It is so in all life. Life is lived in a series of actions, but life is made by the ideas which dominate it.

The great idea of Masonry is to erect a temple of friendly humanity" The whole address is hereby recommended to all who are interested in Masonic education.

From the pen of R. W. Bro. Kerr comes the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in which Alberta is generously treated.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba suffered a severe loss in the passing of M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M., on the 9th of March this year. He had been their Grand Secretary for thirty-five years. This venerable brother was in his 81st year and was widely known as a Masonic authority not only in the Dominion of Canada and U.S.A., but in many Grand Lodges beyond the seas. His advice was frequently sought and his death breaks a link with the early days of Masonry in the Prairie Provinces, for he was one of the pioneers himself and lived to see the great development which has resulted from their efforts.

G. M. B.

MARYLAND

The semi-annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Baltimore on May 15th, 1934. The high light of this communication was the report of the opening of their new Masonic Home at Bonny Blink on May 1st, which was made the subject of an address by the Grand Master. There are eleven beneficiaries in residence, whose ages range from 63 to 75 years. The Masons of Maryland are to be congratulated on the accomplishment of the work they set their hands to.

In his general address to Grand Lodge, the Grand Master notes the trying times that all, without exception, are passing through and says "the test of friendship is adversity," and expresses his firm conviction that much has been accomplished for Masonry because of the economic conditions which have prevailed. He finds, however, some lodges have made no provision against times of distress and many of these seem to have the impression that Grand Lodge should care for all Masonic charity and relief in the jurisdiction. He trusts the day will never be allowed to come when lodges are relieved of all responsibility of relief to those of their brethren who are in need, because they contribute to Grand Lodge activity. "That duty falls on the lodge." He regrets to find many cases where assistance is denied by sons and daughters to their parents and who reply, when inquiry is made, "They can't afford to do it."

The Grand Master says, "That is not Masonry and the sooner the members of the lodges put their hearts into this matter and see that the proper class of candidate is admitted to Masonry, better for the Craft in general." The Board of Benevolence in Alberta has had the same experience and when one hears of men and women allowing their aged parents to be subjects of public or fraternal charity, it makes one feel there is something very wrong in their viewpoint.

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication was held at Baltimore on November 20th, 1934. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Livingston, presided.

This Grand Lodge has only one Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Geo. R. Gorsuch, who was received with Grand Honors on this occasion. Alberta was represented by W. Bro. W. H. Kinsinger.

The Grand Master's address, like the others referred to, is most interesting and shows the close attention he has given to Masonic

affairs in his jurisdiction. He finds that non-attendance at lodge is prevalent, as shown by the very small percentage of attendance recorded. He notes that non-payment of dues goes hand in hand with non-attendance and finds that lodges with the highest attendance usually have the lowest percentage of suspensions. He thinks that much of the blame lies with the officers, who are careless in the exemplification of the Work and disregard the importance of punctuality, allowing general slackness. He suggests that greater attention should be paid to new members in trying to stimulate their interest to learn more about the Craft and strongly urges the importance of the strictest scrutiny of the worthiness of petitioners for admission into our Fraternity. He does not believe in numbers of members so much as the quality of those who are admitted.

With regard to financial matters, he says that fees paid by the Masonic Fraternity are often subjects of discussion; that some regard lodge membership as a luxury, which in times of financial distress can be dispensed with, which might be true to a certain extent, but he can imagine many other luxuries which might be dispensed with before dropping their lodge. "Our Masonry came to us from across the Seas. It is a very powerful and well thought of institution in England. No widow or orphan is ever neglected. Outside charity work is done with a lavish hand. In one province, where there are about 16,000 Masons, over 12,000 of them contributed more than \$60.00 each to Masonry. This one province is an example of what they are doing all over the British Empire with Masonry. It is a live, vigorous organization. It stands for something."

He has every sympathy for financially embarrassed brethren, but says a mistake is made when any lodge carries a member on its books two years, without some explanation from the delinquent. In fairness and justice to the lodge and to the Fraternity as a whole, a wilfully or carelessly delinquent brother should be suspended.

He reports Grand Lodge finances as in a sound condition. He says there are no mortgages, bank loans or bond issues.

There are no reviews of other Grand Lodges, but a note is made of the Tercentenary Anniversary of the settlement of Maryland this year and a short synopsis of the facts of the beginnings of what is now the State of Maryland is printed in the Proceedings.

M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Livingston—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Harry C. Mueller—Grand Secretary.

J. H. W. S. K.

MASSACHUSETTS

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts held four quarterly communications, seven Special Communications and the Stated Communication on December 27th, 1934.

Throughout all these communications the name of the Grand Representative of Alberta is not recorded as being present, which is to be regretted.

The address of Grand Master Curtis Chipman at the quarterly communication of March 14th, is largely devoted to recounting his

visit to lodges under his jurisdiction in the Canal Zone District which made very interesting reading. The cordiality of the reception and the goodwill displayed on every hand demonstrated the loyalty and fidelity of the lodges in this District to their Grand Lodge. It also afforded the Grand Master opportunity of coming in contact with the Grand Lodge officers of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Panama which is very desirable and furnishes the Grand Lodges north of the equator a picture of the conditions as they exist down there.

Announcement was also made at this Communication that Grand Master Chipman was proposed and accepted an honorary membership in the Grand Lodge of Scotland—an honor which is not frequently granted, but is highly esteemed and we wish to extend our warmest congratulations to the Grand Master on his preferment.

At the quarterly communication held on June 13th the Grand Master warns the Masters and Secretaries of the improper use made of mailing lists of members. He advises the Masters to protect the newly raised brethren from the high pressure salesmen of books and insurance by warning them that there is no obligation on their part to purchase these. The use of the lottery and kindred methods of raising money by external groupings of Masons also receives consideration and the Craft is admonished to shun such undertakings.

A very excellent dissertation on "Masonic Offenses" is given in the Grand Master's Address at the quarterly communication of September 12th. It is a very concise statement of Masonic Law on the matter of offenses against our Constitution and landmarks, pointing out as it does the duty of the lodge not only to themselves, but to Masonry at large. It is an article that should be read by every Master and while it is not possible to quote copiously from it we would like to draw attention to the following paragraph:

"It should never become necessary for the Grand Master to order the Master of a particular Lodge to prefer charges against an offending brother whose conduct has been highly injurious to our reputation. Nor should a mistaken idea of charity towards an erring brother lead us into silence and inaction. Charity is indeed a virtue which we are taught to exercise toward all mankind; but it is a virtue which may be perverted into a vice if it serves as a cloak to excuse inactivity when the fair name of the Craft is imperilled."

The Grand Master also reports on his visit to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario where he was warmly welcomed and addressed the brethren at a banquet.

The fourth quarterly communication was held on the 12th December when the Grand Master presented a report of his activities giving a record of the dispensations granted, visits by himself and the other Grand Officers and a statement of the finances of Grand Lodge and its several funds.

In each of his quarterly addresses the Grand Master has presented some phase of Masonic Work all of which have been thought provoking and the reader of these addresses cannot but feel stimulated and enriched Masonically by the lessons found therein. In this quarter the work of the Masonic Home and of the Hospital is dealt with and we cull the following paragraph for the readers of Alberta that they may fully realize the thought too frequently found among our younger Masons.

"Every effort should be made to dispel the opinion which seems to have gained great headway, that Freemasonry has a pension system or is a sort of insurance against misfortune. Our benevolent funds should be used with discretion and justice in all worthy cases but it must be remembered that no promises are made or contracts entered into having reference to money consideration when a person joins a lodge."

Masonic Education has a very definite place in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and by means of addresses, talks, forums, etc., the newly made brother and the Mason of long standing is receiving practical information about the Fraternity, its doings, its purposes, and its past which is reflecting itself in the progress made year by year.

What is known as the "Service Department" in each lodge is a committee to contact brethren who have been neglecting attendance at lodge and revive their interest. From the report it is evident that excellent work along this line has been achieved.

Lodge finances are not neglected and considerable interest is displayed by Grand Lodge in this phase of the work.

At this communication R. W. Bro. Claude L. Allen of Melrose was unanimously elected Grand Master and was duly installed at the Stated Communication held on December 27th. Following the installation "The Grand Feast" was held at which addresses were delivered by eminent brethren all of which are recorded in the Proceedings.

Foreign Correspondence is not recorded as this practice does not seem to be followed by Massachusetts.

Membership, 114,412.

M. W. Bro. Claude L. Allen, Melrose, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

MEXICO (York Grand Lodge)

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication was held at Tampico, on the 29th of March, 1934.

All constituent lodges were represented. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Marshall T. Malone, presided. Alberta's representative, Bro. E. Ph. Herivel, wrote regretting inability to be present.

The Grand Master reported that two disastrous hurricanes during the year so interfered with his plans that he was prevented from making the visitations to the lodges which he had intended.

He finds the membership was reduced ten per cent and comments on the world-wide conditions which affected Mexico as well as all other jurisdictions; but at the same time he feels that a large number of those dropped from the rolls could have maintained their standing if they had been sufficiently interested. He says the lodges must act to protect their own treasuries, but he thinks more should be done in educating the membership.

He discovered that while the Grand Lodges of Tasmania, Queensland and New Zealand were on their list of Grand Lodges as being in fraternal correspondence, there was nothing on the records to show that formal recognition had taken place, nor on inquiry was there any record in the archives of the Grand Lodges, and also, while the Grand Lodge National de Columbia had recognized their Grand Lodge, it had never returned the compliment. He took steps to rectify the matter.

Bro. L. E. Loevey, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Relations and the York Association S.A., claims that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is in fraternal relation with 95 per cent of the regular M.M.'s of the world. He complains, however, that members of his own Grand Lodge will not read their own Proceedings, wherein they are by no means singular; it is a common complaint. He says they are placed on the shelves of Grand Lodge or of the lodge and forgotten. Well, possibly so, but there is always and everywhere the inquisitive brother who takes them away to read at his leisure and doesn't bring them back to let another have a chance. That's the reason "no one" reads them. The writer must admit, though, the York Grand Lodge of Mexico has something unique in their "Trestle Board." It is found in many lodges in several jurisdictions and it is a real and worthy competitor with their Proceedings.

The York Association S. A., which seems to be their Temple Corporation, reports success in handling this enterprise, the entire investment in the building, representing a value of \$35,000.00. They estimate they have paid over \$8,000.00 to their bond holders since the association was formed. This is more than twenty per cent of the amount invested. Furthermore, they have never passed an interest or dividend due date. They mention necessary repairs and improvements are taken care of, but say, "We have been compelled to raise the portero's wages from \$8.00 per week to \$9.00, owing to the recent minimum wages law enforce."

This Grand Lodge is revising its Constitution. The committee in charge announce that after many trials and tribulations they have completed their labors and trust Grand Lodge will approve. They mention that their present Constitution, although put together hurriedly, has served them for twenty-four years, which speaks well not only for those who wrote it, but also for the integrity of the Craft during these many years of change and strife.

The Editor of the "York Rite Trestle Board," Bro. A. P. Old, who was elected Grand Secretary at this communication, made a report on the publication. He states it is a non-profit-making, non-proprietary proposition and is supported by voluntary contributions of Grand Lodge and constituent lodges and other bodies more or less connected; besides which they receive unsolicited donations from visitors and from readers outside the jurisdiction. He remarks that he does not know what would happen if a surplus were amassed. It never has yet, but still they have always met their bills.

A resolution proposed as an amendment to the Constitution would have placed the ownership and publication of the Trestle Board in Grand Lodge, under the direction of its Educational Committee, but the managing Editor to have a free hand in directing the "Trestle Board," Grand Lodge rejected the amendment.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s are very brief. There are twelve districts and only fifteen lodges.

There is no fraternal correspondence.

J.H.W.S.K.

MICHIGAN

The Ninetieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in the City of Muskegon on May 22nd, 1934. M. W. Bro. George A. Ferguson, Grand Master, presided. Nineteen Past Grand Masters graced the proceedings. That is a splendid tribute from these Illustrious Brethren. Alberta's Representative was not present.

Among the distinguished guests were the Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Bro. B. B. Hodge, from Ontario; M. W. Bro. John Nicholson, P.G.M., Prince Edward Island, and M. E. Comp. Orrin G. Bickford of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

The Grand Master removed from office a Secretary of a lodge as it was found he was dominating the lodge, and refused to obey the Worshipful Master, was short in his finances and attempted to defy the Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Ferguson attended the Conference of Grand Masters which met in Washington, D.C. We excerpt from that part of his address:

"Problems of nation-wide importance were called to the attention of those present and discussed thoroughly. Often some salient point is brought to the attention of certain Grand Masters, and through this community of thought we are able to return home with a closer grip on every situation that might well arise in the conduct of the affairs of our administrations. The opportunity available for the exchange of fraternal greetings to the various Grand Lodges and through them to the Craft in general is also worthy of note and has far-reaching results. On this occasion it became my duty to have a part in the discussion of Inter-Jurisdictional Relief, a subject which is of vital importance in today's insecurity and deserving of prompt and intelligent action."

In regard to ritualistic instruction a new course was adopted and the Grand Lecturer was directed to plan gatherings that will promote the spirit of fellowship among the brethren. In his attendance at some of these meetings the Grand Master noted a decided upturn in spirit and increased desire to accomplish great things on the part of constituent lodges.

The Grand Master refused on several occasions to permit the initiation of a candidate who had been a resident of the jurisdiction of the lodge which he petitioned, for less than a year.

One new lodge was constituted, and one new Temple dedicated.

Among the dispensations granted was one to Detroit Lodge No. 2 to visit a lodge in Sarnia, Ontario, and to exemplify the Master Mason's Degree in Michigan form. It was conditional on the Canadian lodge obtaining permission from its Grand Master.

The Grand Master approved of 95 changes in Lodge By-Laws. Many of the changes had reference to reduction in fees or dues.

Total net assets of Grand Lodge including Masonic Home funds amounts to \$1,196,258.83. Total amount from all Grand Lodges collected for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was \$3,963,352.24. For each initiate in the United States one dollar is collected.

One hundred and ten lodges were not represented at Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, the Grand Secretary, was presented with a basket of flowers by Doric Lodge.

A Past Grand Masters' jewel was presented to M. W. Bro. Ferguson, the presentation being made by Grand Master Elect, Frank Gould. The actual pinning of the jewel was done by W. Bro. Ardale Ferguson, son of the recipient.

The Committee on Finance recommended the following, which was adopted:

"The Grand Officers and members of this Grand Lodge entitled to vote, shall receive Four (\$4.00) Dollars a day for each day's actual attendance upon all annual and special communications, and Four (4c) Cents per mile for each mile traveled in going to and returning from the same—the route and distance to be determined by the Finance Committee—provided that no representative shall receive either mileage or per diem, unless the dues to the Grand Lodge of the lodge he represents, shall previously have been paid or remitted.

"Provided, that the properly accredited representatives of lodges in the Upper Peninsula in actual attendance upon Grand Lodge communications shall be entitled to compensation for two extra days.

"The purpose of this amendment is to increase the per diem allowance from \$3.00 a day to \$4.00 a day and the mileage fee from 3c to 4c per mile."

There is no correspondence report.

508 Lodges. 130,157 Members. Decrease 7,551.

M. W. Bro. Frank S. Gould, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

MINNESOTA

Eighty-first Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 17th and 18th, 1934. M. W. Bro. Montreville J. Brown, Grand Master.

Lodges 310, membership 56,084. Net loss for the year 2,200.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Edwin J. Simon, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master opens his address with a quietly worded appeal for practical recognition of the universality of Masonry which is well worth pondering.

He sympathetically reports the passing of three Past Grand Masters of Minnesota.

Several interesting decisions are listed, each with a very complete synopsis of the reasons for the decision. One is unusually interesting because so unusual. One member of a lodge sues another at common law. Is he guilty of un-Masonic conduct? "No" says the Grand Master and any unbiased reader must agree with him. The pity is that the necessity requiring the Grand Master to rule on such a question should have arisen.

In closing his address the Grand Master used the closing comment of his father who had presided as Grand Master forty years before. A worthy son of a worthy father.

The oration of the year is from the pen of W. Bro. Royal A. Stone, is entitled "The Trestle Board of our Citizenship" and deals largely with the Constitution and legal developments of the United States and the duty of Minnesota Masons to stand to and by that Constitution.

A new Committee on Masonic Research and Instruction is created. A special committee on the Lodge System of Masonic Education reports very fully and completely, even to the extent of supplying outline topic material. The report itself is an excellent year's work in the study of Masonry. We strongly commend this report to any committee interested in the present day panacea of "Masonic Education" and take the liberty to congratulate Minnesota's special committee.

Bro. E. A. Montgomery gives an excellent report on the opening of the Peace Memorial Temple in London.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Work at Rochester always gladdens this reviewer. There is something really fine and unostentatious about this work among the sick who visit the famed Mayo city and Bro. Warner is to be congratulated on his faithful discharge of an onerous duty. He made 10,056 calls last year, wrote letters, sent telegrams, supplied flowers, cashed cheques and dispensed kindness to hundreds of brethren, often desperately ill in a strange city. Oh, Good Samaritan!

Echoes of the repeal of the 18th Amendment are heard in some comment by the Committee on Jurisprudence regarding lodges meeting in premises wherein liquor is offered for sale.

Fraternal recognition is granted a number of Grand Jurisdictions including the Grand Lodge of Sweden.

There are voluminous statistics and an able report on Foreign Correspondence by Bro E. A. Montgomery. Alberta, as always, finds generous and kindly mention.

Next Annual Communication, St. Paul, January 16th, 1935.

M. W. Grand Master—Bertram S. Adams, Hibbing.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John Fishel, St. Paul.

A.M.M.

MISSISSIPPI

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held in the City of Vicksburg on February 13th and 14th, 1934, with M. W. Bro. James L. Williams, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master in his address refers to the raising of the son of President Franklin Roosevelt in a New York lodge, the work being done by the President himself.

Five charters were surrendered throughout the year.

No decisions were reported.

The Grand Master accepted an invitation to visit the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

An Annual Meeting of the District Deputy Grand Lecturers was held under the direction of the Grand Lecturer. The Grand Master was in attendance. This meeting was in addition to eight Schools of Instruction. Alberta District Deputies get together once and that is during Grand Lodge Sessions.

Two Masonic Homes are maintained by this Grand Lodge.

Mississippi was represented at the Dedication of the Peace Memorial in London by one of its Honorary Past Grand Masters.

There is a committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence which throughout the year renders official opinions as are derived by the members to be of general interest. In other jurisdictions this duty is usually assigned to the Grand Master.

We excerpt from the Finance Committee's Report:

"Your Committee feels, however, that we are now at the bottom and that in the days to come the brethren will bestir themselves in an effort to restore good brethren, who have been suspended for non-payment of dues to membership; and too, financial conditions are much better and we feel that many of the brethren who have been so unfortunate as to be unable to pay their dues, will now be able to do so and will gladly come back to the fold. It is a great opportunity that has now come to the incoming Grand Officers to start the cause of Masonry on the upward move and we have every confidence that they will gladly and willingly take the opportunity and use it to the glory of our institution."

The Grand Lodge since 1928 lost 15,000 members. The per capita tax is \$2.50.

The following is the list of disbursements:

Home Maintenance.....	\$41,365.10
General Fund.....	16,003.50
D. D. G. L. Fund.....	3,434.63
Relief Fund.....	4,471.15
Murphy-Martin Educational Fund.....	4,441.64
	\$69,716.02

The Committee to amend By-Laws presents the following amendment:

"Every brother desiring to visit the lodge shall give to the Tyler his name, stating the name, number and place of the lodge from which he hails, and show receipt for dues for the current year. The Tyler shall thereupon announce the fact."

Very timely.

W. Bro. H. C. Yawn presents the Report on Correspondence, giving a page to Alberta.

349 Lodges. 20,278 Members. 3,917 Decrease.

M. W. Bro. Marshall W. Miller, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Edward L. Faucette, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

MISSOURI

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Missouri held its One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication in the City of St. Louis, on September 25th and 26th, with M. W. Bro. Frank C. Barnhill, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Missouri was fortunate in having a number of distinguished guests, among whom were M. W. Bro. V. R. Johnson, G.M. of Nebraska, accompanied by his Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. Hon. Judge James Garnett, P.G.M., Kentucky; M. W. Bro. Alexander Hamilton Bell, P.G.M. of Illinois, as well as other dignitaries, who were all formally introduced and accorded Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand Master follows the usual lines and is in a large measure an account of his stewardship. Missouri has followed the example of other jurisdictions in the United States by giving "buttons" to veterans of the Fraternity, and in this connection it is interesting to note that a button was given to Bro. Alfred B. Ridington, who had been a member of the Craft for 62 years and who attained his one hundredth birthday on Aug. 4th, 1934.

R. W. Bro. James R. McLachlan, who had held the office of Grand Lecturer for a period of twenty-six years, was compelled, on his physician's advice, to resign this office. On the recommendation of the Grand Master an honorarium of \$1,500.00 payable monthly was voted by Grand Lodge; future provision to be made from year to year by the Committee. This is indeed very generous treatment on the part of Missouri to one of its tried and trusted officers.

The report of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Arthur Mather, discloses a loss in membership of 4,358, suspension for non-payment of dues being largely responsible for this loss.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Service shows the lodges to be in excellent shape and slowly reviving from the sluggish condition caused by the depression. This committee is responsible for supplying speakers to lodges when called upon and the demand during the past years indicates a revival of interest.

We have read with considerable interest the comprehensive report of the Special Committee on Grand Master's Relief program. This committee made a very exhaustive enquiry into the manner of the operation and management of Masonic Homes and sent out two questionnaires from which they obtained considerable information which they have tabulated and set out in their report. The committee prefaced their report by a phrase borrowed from New York: "How well do we want to do our job?" They have not hesitated to point out all the defects and deficiencies in their own Home, thus disillusioning the minds of many Masons in their own State who are prone to look upon their Home as the best in the country. As a result of their investigations the Committee presented 18 principles which they recommend to their Grand Lodge and we wish it were possible to enumerate these for the edification of our own brethren, but will draw attention to only one or two excerpts from the report:

"It is a mistake to relieve the lodges of all responsibility in connection with the support of the indigent members and their families. The Fraternity is imposed upon because careful investigation is not made and we make it too easy for a lodge to neglect its duty in this regard.

"Funeral Expenses. The lodge agrees in the application of an inmate of the Home to pay the funeral expenses, but the Home Board is compelled to meet these expenses in certain cases because the respective lodges concerned made no effort to meet their obligation."

"Should possible membership in the Home be looked upon as a form of insurance? There is a tendency in the Fraternity for members to feel that they are investing in a form of old age insurance in paying Grand Lodge dues for the support of the Home. That takes all IDEALS of Masonic Relief as a fundamental tenet out of the picture. It is certain that no real Mason would be willing to take such a position if he realized what it meant."

Under the title of "The Masonic World" M. W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M., gives us another of his topical reviews which is undoubtedly a great panorama of events in the Masonic World as seen by Bro. Denslow from reading the various Proceedings. It is a remarkable bit of work which we can strongly recommend to any Mason to read and as a result of reading it he will be better qualified to advance Masonic interests.

M. W. Bro. Du Val Smith—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Arthur Mather—Grand Secretary.

W.I.

MONTANA

Seventieth Annual Communication held at Great Falls, August 15th, 1934, M. W. Bro. Ernest L. Marvin, Grand Master.

Lodges 135, Membership 18,777. Loss for the year 621.

In the Grand Master's Address appears a question and answer which will be of peculiar interest to Edmonton and Calgary. We quote in full:

"Question: Is there any Grand Lodge ruling which would compel this lodge to rent the lodge rooms in the Masonic Temple here if we found it to our advantage to rent quarters elsewhere?"

"By way of explanation, this was a case where two lodges meet in the same temple in a certain city, one lodge owning and holding title to the temple building and the other lodge renting the lodge room from them. The lodge which owns the building is deep in debt and have found it difficult to reduce their indebtedness and are in general in poor shape financially.

"Answer: I do not know of any Grand Lodge rule which would compel you to rent the lodge room in the temple for your meetings provided that the quarters you do select conform to the requirements as laid down by Masonic usage. However, before doing this I would suggest that you consider the matter carefully and not work any hardship on your sister lodge by reason of the reduced income which might occur from you renting quarters elsewhere."

"I am happy to report that so far as I know the two lodges are still meeting in the same temple and further discontent between them was prevented."

In discussing Masonic Charity in general and the Masonic Home in particular the Grand Master uses a sentence which we would like to see printed in red for the notice of every Mason:

"A lodge that does not look after its own has difficulty in justifying its existence."

Again, in commenting on the Condition of the Craft, he has this to say:

"... our Lodges, especially at this time, should be harmonious in thought and action; that the real work of Masonry is not so much the conferring of degrees, but that of exerting an influence for good in their communities, the relief of the distressed, and the preservation of those time honored institutions which are the foundation stone of our democracy."

The Grand Master has a trick of writing thought provoking sentences with most of which we very thoroughly agree. Here's one more in dealing with Masonic Education:

"... if we cannot bring about an awakening interest in Masonry among those who are already on our rolls — if we cannot make our Masonry practical— then the institution will never, never justify its existence in a chaotic and changing world."

Montana honors a "Public Schools Work" in which an effort is made to interest Masons in the work of the schools. The move seems to have been highly successful and promises to be an annual affair.

The Grand Master deals at length with those vexed problems of Lodge Dues and the Liquor Laws, but offers no more than opinions for their solution.

Several excellent addresses appear in the Proceedings by the Grand Chaplain, by the Grand Master of North Dakota, who, we regret to observe, indulges in one of the lower forms of wit, the "national" joke (Yes! This reviewer is a Scot); our own Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. John Martland, and by M. W. Bro. Marvin. Each has a fine message and all are worthy of perusal.

There is no printed report of Foreign Correspondence and we still wonder if Montana finds the expense of publishing lodge rosters justified.

Next Annual Communication, Missoula, August 21st, 1935.

M. W. Grand Master—George W. Craven, Butte.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Luther T. Hauberg, Helena.

A. M. M.

NEBRASKA

Seventy-seventh Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 5th, 1934. M. W. Bro. Archie M. Smith, Grand Master.

Lodges 292. Membership 37,092. Loss for the year 2,856.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Earl M. Bolen, her Grand Representative.

The address of the Grand Master is a plain statement of the facts of a very busy year offering little room for a reviewer's comment.

We note that in spite of adversities the spirit of Freemasonry in Nebraska is exceptional and that "the Brethren are evincing more zeal in the work than they have for some time."

We note, too, that a Canadian born Brother, Otham A. Abbott of Grand Island, was the recipient of the Gold Jordan Veteran's Medal having been made a Mason at Belvidere, Illinois, on May 2nd, 1864. He has had a distinguished civil and Masonic career.

Seven lodges report no delinquent dues, a proud state in these troublous times.

The Annual Oration is by Wor. Bro. Glen L. Rice and has for title "Masonry and Manhood." The opening sentence reveals its theme: "The supreme need in human society is character" and an item snipped here and there will sample its very good flavor:

"There are two kinds of responsibility, that which is legal and that which is social and moral."

"It is in his voluntary relationships, in those places where a man goes beyond the sphere of legal requirements that you can measure a man's real worth to society. How men respond to their social responsibility is the acid test of character."

" . . . because of our belief in the most exalted affirmations known to man, and because of the world that needs genuine manhood, let us gird ourselves with the working tools of our ancient order to give the world MANHOOD"

While admitting sadly the truth of it, we regret to observe the opening sentences of the Report of the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace: "The last few years have seemed to be retrograde years in the matter of World's Peace. We indeed seem to have lost ground instead of gaining during the last four or five years." Alas, too true and meantime dictators drive more and more Masons underground or out of existence.

Says the Committee on Masonic Education: "As soon as Lodges interest the Craft in reading and study, the attendance will improve and the usefulness be increased." We hope so, but we remember an old adage about leading a horse to water.

It is our humble conviction that there is more hokum about Masonic Education than any single subject in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodges. We must and do agree that every Mason should know something about the origins of his affiliation, but the costly rattling among the dry bones which features reports year after year, as compared with its visible effect, suggests to this reviewer, at least, much ado about nothing. We are not aiming this comment at Nebraska which is only one of the five States whose Proceedings we have the pleasure of reviewing.

Our own view is that the best way to hold a Brother is to give him a job. What? Not enough to go round? Huh! Take another look!

There are the usual statistical tables and a very fine Review of Foreign Correspondence on the Topical Index Plan prepared by M. W.

Pro. Edwin D. Crites, whose work we sincerely admire. Alberta is honored twice by lengthy extracts from the address of M. W. Bro. Gilbert Blackstock under the heading "The Challenge to Freemasonry Resulting from Present Economic Conditions" and from an address to the Grand Lodge of Montana by M. W. Bro. Middleton on "The Proper Influence and Attitude of Freemasons with regard to Contemporary Problems."

Next Annual Communication, Omaha, June 4th, 1935.

M. W. Grand Master—Virgil R. Johnson, Beatrice.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Lewis E. Smith, Omaha.

A.M.M

NEVADA

Seventieth Annual Communication, June 14th and 15th, 1934.

The Grand Lodge was convened in the hall of Wadsworth Lodge No. 25, at Sparks, and called to order by Most Worshipful Bro. Harold R. Amens, Grand Master, at High Twelve.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present. They were called to the altar and fraternally greeted by the Grand Master. His Honor, William R. Adams, Mayor of the City of Sparks, made an address of welcome. The Mayor is also, apparently, a good Mason, for in the course of his address he spoke of Masonry as follows:

"It is an instrument that opens the door of bigotry, intoleration, and superstition and permits us to enter into that dazzling light of freedom of speech, unprejudiced opinions, and a national independence; that light that severs the shackles from free-thought, that light that breaks the fetters from conscientious belief and honest doubt and permits us to visualize a brighter future wherein we attain light, further light, and more light and where the beauties of Masonry flood the Universe with its radiance and we re-dedicate ourselves to its noble principles."

The Grand Master presented a business-like report. His term of office had been one of pleasure and satisfaction, due to the spirit of harmony and co-operation that he found prevailing in the jurisdiction. No decisions were necessary during the year. Several questions, however, were answered by him, all of which were covered by the Code. He had been able to visit every lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction, and without exception had found the affairs of the constituent lodges well administered, and their officers proficient in their work.

The net gain of six members in 1933, was followed by a net loss of 98 in 1934, the entire loss being accounted for by suspensions for non-payment of dues of members who had been carried beyond the limit prescribed by the Code, on account of economic conditions in the past few years. He said that, with the improvement in conditions, a large number had paid up and been re-instated, and there were indications that several more would be re-instated during the coming year.

In reading over the account of his official visitations, we think that the brethren showed every honor and courtesy to their Grand Master,

especially in the line of entertainment, and fully merited the following remarks of the Grand Master:

"The personal courtesy and hospitality shown to Mrs. Amens and myself by the individual officers and members of the Fraternity and their wives who have taken us into their homes, cared for and entertained us, exemplifies a spirit of Brotherly Love and Friendship that far transcends any ritualistic observance, combining Masonic Fraternalism with true Nevada hospitality in a way that makes one realize more fully the honor and privilege of being a Mason, and particularly a Nevada Mason."

Bro. R. A. Trimble, Grand Representative of Alberta, was present at roll-call.

The report of the Grand Secretary states that the number of members suspended for non-payment of dues is really the accumulation of four or five years, and therefore not alarming. During the hard times subordinate lodges had been urged to be charitable in the matter of suspensions, and they all responded in the most fraternal manner. This, however, could not go on indefinitely, and the suspension of 143 members was of necessity. (Total membership is now 3,045.)

The committee on the legitimacy of Grand Lodges recommended that fraternal relations be established with the Grand Lodge of Para, Brazil, and the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and held over the request of the Grand Orient of Amazonas and Acre and of the National Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla.

The review of Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. V. N. Henderson, Commissioner of Review, and includes the Proceedings of 81 Grand Jurisdictions. He emphasizes what has always occurred to this reviewer, namely, that the reading of Grand Lodge reports, and especially the review of Foreign Correspondence, is one of the best ways to acquire Masonic information. We wish to quote the following from his "Afterword":

"Some have said that they fear for the life of Masonry because so many have dropped out in the past few years. They have not stopped to look critically at those who have allowed themselves to be suspended. If they did, we would venture to say that by far the majority were drones and lost interest because they knew they were giving nothing to Masonry so took the easiest way out, after enjoying the privileges for two or three years without donating a cent for its upkeep or charities. It is no doubt true that some good men and true have been dropped, but again we venture to state that in every instance where a brother has explained that he was hard pressed, his brethren has seen to it that he did not lose his membership."

Bro. Henderson has collected a vast amount of valuable and interesting knowledge from the various reports which he read, and has put it out in a very readable form. Particular stress is given to the address of the several Grand Masters, as he thinks that this mirrors the feeling prevailing in the jurisdiction.

Alberta is fully reviewed, and we note that he agrees with this reviewer's comments.

George L. Swartz, Elko, M. W. Grand Master.

V. N. Henderson, Carson City, R. W. Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK
1933

It is regretted that the 1933 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick arrived too late for inclusion in our 1934 Proceedings.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication was held at St. Johns on 24th August, 1933, M. W. Bro. John B. M. Baxter, Grand Master presiding.

Nineteen Grand Representatives were in attendance, but this number did not include Alberta's representative.

The Grand Master paid many official visits during a busy year of office. The following taken from his address seems to us to be the real cure for the situation we are in today. It is more sane and practical than all the "isms" we have read or heard of:

"Perhaps it may be said that the Great War and the period of speculation which followed it, destroyed the old, homely, but essential virtue of thrift by the exercise of which, so much that we possessed was built up, slowly, by successive generations. No sovereign remedy for present ills is to be found, apparently, in the realm of legislation or state managed finance. The best minds of the age have not yet discovered any vital solution for the problems which beset us and it may be that the world must slowly work its way back to an appreciation of the power in human life which is exercised beneficently, by the humble yet basic principles upon which this Fraternity is founded."

This is an age old philosophy attractively restated by the Grand Master and the sooner it is again made practical the sooner will we return to a desirable state of contentment and prosperity.

The sum of \$1,828.50 was expended in benevolence and the sum of \$2,000.00, representing the balance of income, was added to capital. They still can show us the way in the East.

The report for the special committee respecting the Order of the Eastern Star was presented. The recommendations are:

"1. It must be universally recognized that the Order referred to is not and cannot be Masonic.

"2. It is equally clear that such Order is not and cannot be affiliated to or connected with Masonry in any respect.

"3. It is undesirable that Masons, particularly the Secretaries of Lodges, should give to any one for use in connection with such Order, any information as to the standing of Members of our Lodges.

"4. It is strongly to be urged upon Masons that they should devote their energies to the upbuilding of their own Lodges, and it is believed that they can best do so through regular attendance at Communications of their own Lodge and participation in its activities. While it may be claimed that the Order of the Eastern Star is in some places locally of assistance to our Order, yet such assistance can be no greater than could and should be given by our own members to the support of the Craft.

"5. Associations by Masons with the Order mentioned cannot in any case be productive of results sufficiently beneficial to

warrant Grand Lodge in any way approving of it and in some instances it may prove to be absolutely harmful.

"6. We are of the opinion that the Order of the Eastern Star should be allowed to pursue its own course in the same manner as any other fraternal order composed entirely of women, but Grand Lodge cannot countenance even an appearance of a connection between Masonry and the other Order which, as we have above pointed out, cannot possibly exist."

The motion to adopt was amended to "refer back" and the amendment carried. The result is somewhat surprising as the recommendations can hardly be challenged.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s do not call for special mention.

There is no fraternal correspondence.

G.M.B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord on Wednesday, May 16th, 1934, with M. W. Bro. Orville E. Cain, Grand Master, presiding.

In the list of Grand Representatives the name of the representative of Alberta seems to be missing.

The address of the Grand Master is largely an account of his stewardship and states that "It is a pleasure to report that, notwithstanding the vicissitudes to which our members have been subjected, the state of the Order is excellent."

The Grand Secretary has been at work on the compilation of the history of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and the Grand Master makes a plea for its publication and distribution among the lodges. It was ultimately resolved that if private funds could be secured the Grand Secretary was authorized to proceed with its publication.

The Report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers makes the following comment:

"We view with apprehension the working of degrees outside the lodge room and would recommend that Grand Masters exercise extreme caution upon requests for such dispensation."

Recognition was extended to the two Grand Lodges of Czechoslovakia.

The report on the Foreign Correspondence is once more from the pen of M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney and we agree with him in his Foreword when he states that wonderful contacts are made as a result of reading and writing reviews of the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges.

Alberta received generous treatment at the hands of M. W. Bro. Cheney and we thank him for his complimentary remarks of our M. W. Bro. Blackstock.

Orville E. Cain—M. W. Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, P.G.M.—R. W. Grand Secretary.

W.I.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Forty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Most Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey was held in the City of Trenton on the 18th and 19th days of April, A.D. 1934. M. W. Bro. Arthur P. Johnson, Grand Master, presided.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance and fifty-five Grand Representatives of foreign jurisdictions were present, Alberta being represented by R. W. Bro. Howard L. Carter.

There were thirty distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions including the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Rhode Island and Delaware, the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and the presiding officers in New Jersey of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Knights Templar, the Royal Arch and Royal and Select Masters' branches of Masonry. Addresses were delivered by the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, Rhode Island and Massachusetts and the Senior Grand Warden of Vermont. These addresses were all of a highly interesting and inspirational character. The Grand Master of Massachusetts presented the Henry Price Medal to M. W. Bro. Johnston, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. W. Holt Apgar, Past Grand Master of New Jersey.

The Grand Master's address gave a very complete report on his official acts during his year of office. In that period he attended 127 Masonic meetings and functions within the jurisdiction and 18 visits were made to other jurisdictions including attendance at the Annual meetings of the Masonic Service Association, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Conference of Grand Masters of Washington D.C. These figures indicate very great activity on the part of the Grand Master in maintaining his contacts with the Fraternity at home and abroad.

The Grand Master in his address made twelve recommendations, the principal of which were the following: Continuance of membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States of America; Continuance of contributions by Grand Lodge to the Masonic Bureau of New Jersey; Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in December, 1936; The transmission to the Grand Secretary's Office of copies of all lodge trestle boards, notices and printed matter sent to members of lodges; Adoption of the commission plan for trial of Masonic offences; Adoption of the Sojourners Plan operative on June 1st, 1934.

There were several other recommendations relating to waivers for jurisdictions, advancement of candidates, re-instatement of suspended brethren, re-affiliation of dimitted brethren. All the important recom-

mendations of the Grand Master were approved and adopted by Grand Lodge.

A special committee on Dual Membership presented its report favoring the adoption of dual membership and outlining regulations governing the same, but the report failed of adoption on its final consideration by Grand Lodge.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the Grand Lodges of Bolivia and Columbia at Cartagena. Request for recognition from several lodges in Brazil was deferred as also the request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Denmark, A.F. & A.M., which was formed in Copenhagen in 1931 and likewise the request from the Grand Lodge of Vienna.

M. W. Bro. W. Holt Apgar presented a very interesting report of the Masonic Peace Memorial Dedication and celebration in London, England, in July, 1933, when he was the official representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Bro. A. Harry Moore, Governor of the State of New Jersey, delivered an address to Grand Lodge which was of special interest as the inspiration for his remarks came from the presence in Grand Lodge of the Masonic Home Band, which rendered four musical selections in Grand Lodge just preceding the Governor's address.

Outside financial assistance was extended during the Masonic year in 103 cases at an aggregate expenditure of a little over \$19,000.00. The operation and administration expenses of the Masonic Home were a little over \$117,000.00, with a per capita cost per guest of \$496.44, per annum.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a Review of the Proceedings of 66 Grand Jurisdictions, 43 in the United States, 9 in Canada, 2 in Latin America, 6 in Europe, 1 in Asia and 5 in Australasia. These Reviews are fully up to the high standard which this Committee has maintained for several years and make extremely interesting reading. Alberta receives very generous treatment.

Total membership 89,994. Net loss 3,982.

M. W. Bro. Francis P. Morton, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Isaac Cherry, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

NEW MEXICO

Fifty-sixth Annual Communication, March 19th, 20th and 21st, 1934.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Milne, at Albuquerque.

An address of welcome was given the brethren by Bro. Clyde Tingley, Mayor of the city, and was responded to by R. W. Bro. William H. Duckworth, Deputy Grand Master. Both speakers were rightly proud of their city and state, and said so.

The Grand Master, in his address, first referred to the death of two distinguished Past Grand Masters, John J. Kelly and James G.

Fitch. A fitting tribute was paid to their Masonic records. Considerable difficulty was experienced by Grand Lodge during the year, through the temporary closing of the First National Bank of Albuquerque, but these troubles were disposed of in due course. The depression has made itself felt among the Craft, particularly in respect of dues, with the result that approximately 10 per cent of lodge membership has been dropped. The Grand Secretary, Alpheus A. Keen, received recognition from the Grand Master for his fifty years of work in Masonry, and the hope was expressed that his services might be available to the brethren for another half-century. The Grand Master recommended that New Mexico renew its membership in the Masonic Service Association.

Masonic Education in New Mexico had to be curtailed on account of financial difficulties, but we note that the chief permanent officers willingly took a 10 per cent salary cut in order to help out the situation. The position in regard to liquor is to be given further consideration, and, from this and other reviews, we gather that it will be some time before the situation is clarified. The Grand Master closed on a hopeful note, and pointed out that the greater the difficulties that Masons experience, the greater the opportunities for the exemplification of Masonic principles.

The year showed a net loss of 574 members. As a result of a determined effort to collect dues and arrears of dues, the position of many subordinate lodges has been very materially improved. This has been done without showing a very much greater loss in membership than in previous years.

Two Grand Lodges in Mexico, one in Colombia, one in Brazil and the Grand Lodge of Denmark applied for recognition and the establishment of Fraternal relations. The committee appointed to consider these applications had not sufficient information to make a recommendation one way or the other, and the matter was left in abeyance.

The printed Proceedings contain a large amount of statistical information relative to the various funds of the Grand Lodge, and give one the impression that finances are carefully looked after in New Mexico.

All the Grand Master's decisions were approved.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is in the hands of Bro. Lynn B. Mitchell, who presents his first review. He mentions as the outstanding Masonic events of 1933 the Dedication of the London Peace Memorial, the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Establishment of Masonry in Massachusetts, the Suppression of Masonry in Germany and the withdrawal of recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines by certain Grand Lodges. Apparently ruthless measures were taken in Germany, as several Grand Lodge officers were jailed, and probably all property belonging to Masonic lodges will be confiscated. Masonry had flourished in Germany for over 200 years. The Foreign Correspondent refers to the fact that one Grand Jurisdiction has lost 25 per cent of its members in the last three years, while another has lost 44 per cent since 1925. The greatest loss, of course, has been due to suspension for non-payment of dues. It is noted that losses among English-speaking Masons outside of the United States were less than within the United States. At the same time, great differences in ratios of losses occur within the United States, so that the depression is not the only cause. Masonic Education is recommended as the remedy for

these losses. Apparently the Public School system in the United States is having its difficulties in keeping open the schools. Chicago does not appear to stand alone in being in default in payment of teachers' salaries, as it is estimated that over \$40,000,000.00 were owing to teachers throughout the country.

Bro. Mitchell collected a great deal of interesting information in his review. It is astonishing to learn that the 1933 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, one of the wealthiest states in the Union, was cancelled owing to financial difficulties. Alberta is given a page in the review, and the attitude of Past Grand Master Blackstock meets with approval. We congratulate Bro. Mitchell on including in his review Grand Jurisdictions outside of the United States.

William H. Duckworth, Clovis—M. W. Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque—R. W. Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

NEW YORK

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of New York convened its One Hundred and Fifty-third Annual Communication in the City of New York on the 1st of May, 1934, with M. W. Bro. Christopher C. Mollenhauer, Grand Master, presiding.

Following the opening of Grand Lodge the invocation was given by R. W. Bro. S. Parkes Cadman, Grand Chaplain, which was very inspiring and worthy of the occasion.

The Grand Master in his address refers to the loss sustained by Grand Lodge through the death of three eminent brethren and also of Mrs. Vetoria Isabel Wiley, who with her husband R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Wiley superintended the Masonic Home at Utica since September 10th, 1906.

The "Go to Church Sunday" was again held on the First Sunday in November. Each year an increasing number of brethren are taking part in this demonstration and which has had the effect of stimulating church attendance.

From the remarks of the Grand Master on the work of the Board of General Activities we quote the following:

"Among important services rendered has been the assistance given Masters in preparing interesting programs for lodge meetings. These have served, in every lodge where the assistance of the Board has been asked, in an increase in attendance at meetings of the lodge. In performing this work the Board has rendered distinct service in contacting Masters as soon as they have been elected and working out an entire year's schedule with them. Such a plan leaves nothing to chance and with a program worked out months ahead, speakers and musicians of unusual excellence have been secured."

Under the caption of "Politics" the Grand Master makes reference to the situation in European Countries as it affects Craft Masonry and while the temptation is strong to inject the great body of the Craft into the situation yet he warns against interference and suggests that we play the part of a solvent agent.

The Grand Master during his term of office has been conducting an educational campaign among the lodges on the question of Grand Lodge finances especially as related to the funds of the Home and Hospital and brings forward a recommendation to increase the per capita tax to \$2.00 for this purpose. His remarks on this question are of special interest to the Masons of New York yet they afford some thought to smaller jurisdictions of the magnitude of the work carried on by the Grand Lodge of New York State, and the expense involved.

Many distinguished brethren were welcomed to this Communication among whom were the Grand Masters of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia the latter giving a very timely address.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations recognition was extended to the following Grand Lodges in the United States of Brazil:

The Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro,
The Grand Lodge of Paraiba,
The Grand Lodge of Bahia.

The system of recognition apparently followed in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York is to place those Grand Lodges seeking recognition upon probation and after the lapse of three years should the requirements of New York be complied with an exchange of representatives is made and full recognition is granted. The Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo and the Grand Orient of Amazonas and Acra not having furnished information covering their activities for the past two years, they were continued on probation.

For the edification of our brethren of Alberta on the matter of Life Memberships the following quotation is taken from the report of the Judge Advocate.

"Query:—In the light of the decision of the Grand Master as reported in 1933 proceedings, is a brother who has purchased a life or privileged membership under a lodge by-law permitting payment of a lump sum in consideration for the privilege of exemption from the further payment of dues, never-the-less liable to the lodge for an amount equivalent to the annual per capita charge based on his membership.

"Decision:—The exemption from the payment of dues based upon a lump sum payment made to the lodge, must depend for its validity upon an affirmative answer to the question as to whether, by such payment, the Brother has fulfilled his obligation to pay into the lodge treasury an amount equivalent to the Grand Lodge per capita tax required to be paid to Grand Lodge during his membership. If the amount so paid in, placed at interest, is sufficient under proper actuarial rules to produce an annual amount equivalent to the Grand Lodge per capita tax, then it cannot be said that the Brother has failed to meet his obligation. On the other hand if the amount paid in is not sufficient to annually produce the per capita tax, then the exemption is clearly in contravention of the rule of law laid down by the Grand Master and approved by Grand Lodge."

The report of the Board of Activities is a very interesting and instructive document and should be read by every Master of a lodge. It is by means of the services rendered by this Committee to the whole Craft that contact is made and maintained between the Grand Lodge

and its constituent lodges, and year by year new avenues of services are opened up which have had the effect of stimulating and revitalizing the lodges to greater service at the Altar of Masonry. This Board has charge of the Grand Lodge Library, the Museum, the preparation of the Educational Program and numerous other duties. It has been the means of organizing Study Groups where the members do the work without the aid of using professional speakers. Stamp collectors have formed a club, this popular effort attracted more than 150 brethren most of whom had not hitherto been identified with Masonic activities. The work of this Board is to be commended and recommended to every lodge for by means of a systematic planning of lodge work the interest of the Craft can be maintained in these difficult times.

A very excellent report is submitted by the Grand Historian which we can with confidence recommend to all Masonic Students. The reference to Rumania is exceedingly interesting and enlightening.

Two lodges were granted Charters and a third was continued under dispensation for another year.

M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, P.G.M., presented a report of the delegation that attended the dedication of the Peace Memorial in London.

Alberta is fraternally and sympathetically reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and we are duly grateful to the reference to the address of M. W. Bro. Blackstock.

M. W. Bro. R. Elliot Owens, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnston, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

NEW ZEALAND

Proceedings for the year 1933-34

The Board of Benevolence reported that for the year ending September 30th, 1934, there was expended in relief during the previous year over 942 pounds which was rather less than in the previous year and that the number of applicants for relief was appreciably less than in the previous year.

The regular relief annuities, about 293 in all, called for the expenditure of approximately \$35,000.00 during the year.

In reference to the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund the report shows in part—

"In view of the reduced income as the result of the general reduction of interest rates mentioned in last year's Report, and the probable further reduction of revenue from that source, the Board felt justified in either reducing or discontinuing several annuities in cases where the financial position of the recipient had improved or where it was considered that families who were in a position to assist could do more for their distressed parents. On the other hand sympathetic consideration was given to those annuitants who were in more straitened circumstances than formerly, by increasing the annuity, or by making supplementary grants from the Fund of Benevolence. An increase

was found necessary in two cases. Thirty new annuities were granted during the year."

The Special (War) Benevolent Fund showed a cash balance of over \$40,000.00 and a contingent balance of approximately \$35,000.00 representing money loaned.

W. Bro. Colin Allan was appointed Grand Lodge Representative of Alberta in place of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

Grand Lodge adopted the following recommendations among the others, of the Board of General Purposes, that a period of one month mourning be observed in the lodges upon the death of the present or past lodge officers.

The Grand Master gave a very eloquent address on the occasion of his acceptance of the office.

Grand Lodge presented a jewel to M. W. Bro. Lord Bledisloe on the occasion of his return to England. Lord Bledisloe acknowledged the courtesy in a very moving address.

Attached to the book of proceedings is a summary of instructions issued and decisions given by the Board of General Purposes.

Among the items referred to the following are of more than local interest:

"Attention of Brethren is drawn to the fact that a spurious and clandestine Masonic Organisation, known as Co-Masonry, is operating in the territory. This body professes to work the three degrees of Craft Masonry, to admit women, confer signs and secrets and endeavours in different ways to copy the practices of Freemasonry, and from time to time members of the Craft are invited to attend the meetings. Brethren must not attend any meetings of this Co-Masonic body, as by doing so they will be violating their obligations and will render themselves liable to Masonic discipline."

"White Tie.—The white tie is recognized as the correct article of dress even when the brethren are wearing dinner jackets. A black tie should not be worn."

"White Waistcoats.—White waistcoats should not be worn in evening dress at Masonic functions."

"The Board is of opinion that the wearing of Masonic clothing and regalia, both at religious services in churches and at places of entertainment, etc., when ladies and others who are not Masons are present, should not take place. It is not desired to discourage the meeting of brethren, either for religious worship or on occasions of their extending hospitality to those who are not members of the Order, but it is desired to check the exhibition in public of regalia intended to be worn only in private during the performance of Masonic Rites and Ceremonies."

"At gatherings where ladies are present, it is considered undesirable to make use of Masonic Fires, and the custom should be discontinued."

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. James J. Esson, C.M.G., V.D.

Grand Secretary—V. W. Bro. H. A. Lamb:

E.T.B.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Forty-seventh Annual Communication, M. W. Bro. Peter T. Wilson, Grand Master. The Grand Representative of Alberta was present.

Some years ago Bro. J. Edward Allen, Foreign Correspondent of North Carolina, prepared a standard of recognition for Grand Jurisdictions which has been very favorably received in the Masonic world. It was reprinted in these pages at least in substance, and has had the attention of our Chairman, Bro. Selwood. The Grand Masters' Conference at Washington heard through Grand Master Wilson a paper prepared by Bro. Allen on the subject "Uniformity of Standards of Recognition. Is it Practical? Is it Desirable?" As the result of the discussion many jurisdictions are adopting the North Carolina standard and now the United Grand Lodge of England has written for a copy of the paper and asked the privilege of printing it in pamphlet form for distribution. We regret that there is not a synopsis of the paper included in the Proceedings.

Speaking of the condition of the Craft the Grand Master drew attention to the loss of approximately 10 per cent in the membership, confessing it was rather discouraging but says "However, brethren I am not pessimistic. I realize that owing to the strain and stress of the past several years, a certain amount of house cleaning just had to come. The fact that much dead timber has now been cut out leaves us a more solid foundation on which to grow and expand. I am sure the tide has turned. Renewed life and interest is being shown all over the State." The statement that the amount owing Grand Lodge had been reduced about \$60,000.00 during the year certainly gave him much ground for his conclusion and we only hope the progress has continued.

North Carolina was represented at the 200th anniversary of Masonry in Massachusetts and the dedication of the Peace Memorial in London by the Grand Secretary. He spoke in glowing terms of the co-mingling of world wide Masonry. Referring to the London event, "Time and space will not permit a recital of all the entertainment, but it seemed that all that was necessary was to think of something and your wish was immediately anticipated and gratified."

Orphanage Directors are to be congratulated upon their management of the institution for they not only kept within the budget, but also the income. The average roll was 368, daily cost per child 78½ cents as against 86 cents last year, and income of \$356.73 per year per child, which was a decrease of \$23.69. The Masonic and Eastern Star Home also received the same careful management for their report indicates the lowest cost since 1919 of 81 cents per person per day. The problem from now on, however, will be great with the increasing cost of food, clothing and supplies and the accompanying difficulty of increasing income.

Alberta is still cautiously considering the recognition of the Brazilian Grand Lodges of Rio Janiero, Acre and Cereas. North Carolina Proceedings include a record of the exchange of Grand Representatives of these same jurisdictions.

A resolution was adopted similar to one we passed a few years ago requiring all motions carrying appropriations or expenditures of money to be presented before a specified hour of Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Masonic Education surveyed the work being done in that field in other jurisdictions and reported: "The only activities worthy of the name of Masonic Education now being successfully carried on are directed toward the candidate and the newly made brothers. Many of the Grand Lodges have definitely set up programs having as their purpose the imparting to candidates and initiates of some definitely organized knowledge and appreciation of what Masonry is. Your committee believes that this kind of a program is sound and well worth while at this time and under present conditions. Grand Lodges without number have tried other programs and they have failed. We have no record of the failure of any well organized program of Masonic Education whose aim is to instruct the candidate."

"The lodges of North Carolina have received candidates in great numbers in the past two decades and have suspended also their members in great numbers. It is safe to say that thousands of our members who have been lost spent for unnecessary things much more each year than their lodge dues—who in a word could have kept themselves in good standing if they had been eager to do so—if they had been thoroughly saturated with Freemasonry as it really is and at its best."

The program adopted for this year will be,—Provision for each candidate of a set of little books prepared for candidates by W. Bro. Claudy, Secretary of the Masonic Service Association. The Grand Secretary sends these, one for each degree, after the candidate has received that particular degree. The finances for the program are derived from the lodge sending one dollar for each candidate.

Proposed amendments reducing the minimum initiation fee and the granting automatically of life membership after thirty years dues paying or the age of 70 were both lost.

North Carolina has an Educational Loan Fund allotted among state schools and colleges to be advanced to worthy students to enable them to finish their courses. Some difficulty has been encountered as the educational institutions have been regarding these funds as grants to them whereas the intention was merely that they should make the recommendations. A new committee was set up for the purpose of administering this fund.

One comes to the reviews of Bro. J. Edward Allen with feelings of anticipation and joy. His versatility is such that he tabulates and analyses figures for the whole Masonic world that reminds one of a life insurance statistician, then with a deft whirl of the pen and scholastic comments, reviews English speaking, Latin American and some European jurisdictions. Prefacing all is his "Greetings" from which we desire to quote:—

"Why they were suspended."

"In those fourteen years more than seventeen thousand men have been permitted to be suspended from our lodges—more than half of what we started with or now have. The experience of those who have kept accurate records is that the average Masonic life of the man who permits himself to be suspended is nine years. That is then, that these seventeen thousand men taken in the large were rushed into Masonry and stayed for nine years because it was the dignified thing to do; or because there was a glamour about the word Mason; or because it was imagined that something might come out of it some

time. Then there came the great disillusionment—not merely Masonic, but in all things concerning human relations. With it came a reorganization of all notions of values. Glamors alone were found to have no values in the greater measuring. Men ceased to want to do the dignified thing. Men came to realize that in looking for various things that they had expected in Masonry they were doomed to disappointment. Masonry is a house of spiritual values—a place where one gives more than one takes, and if one is not willing to be spent one has no place. Some were not interested in Masonry of the Spiritual Values. Some did not fathom them. Each did his own act of revaluation, . . . Came the disillusionment . . . dismissions . . . suspensions.”

Bro. Allen then goes on to point out the need of educating the candidate at the receptive period of his initiation, passing and raising. “Failure to do so merely invites another cycle of what we have gone through these past fourteen years, up the hill then down again, receive them in droves and drop them in shoals. A few more such experiences will wreck the institution.”

Lodges, 362. Membership, 30,365. Loss, 3,299.

M. W. Grand Master—Roy F. Ehbs.

R. W. Grand Secretary—J. H. Anderson.

V.H.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

Forty-fifth Annual Communication, June 18th and 19th, 1934.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Earl K. Bitzing. After Invocation by the Grand Chaplain, “America” was sung. The National flag was introduced, and the Grand Master led the brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.

An innovation of this Communication was a brief religious service, which was closed by the Grand Chaplain delivering a very impressive address, taking as his text the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes.

The Past Grand Masters were presented in the order of their seniority at the altar, and given the Grand Honors. They were welcomed by the Junior Grand Warder.

W. Bro. Louis B. Hanna, a charter member of the Grand Lodge and the first Grand Tyler, was presented, and warmly welcomed by Grand Master Bitzing, who escorted him to the East. He also was accorded the Grand Honors, and later elected and constituted an Honorary Past Grand Master. There is only one other surviving charter member resident in North Dakota, being Senior Past Grand Master, James McDonald. Bro. McDonald, because of the condition of his health, was unable to be present.

The Grand Master regards the conditions existing in the world today as provocative of our best endeavor, and a challenge to our sincerest devotion. In his position as Grand Master he has witnessed the development of a new activity and of great co-operative effort,

and of the recognition that the Craft is giving to the finer, deeper things of life.

Several lodges are having difficulties in paying for Masonic Temples erected in better times, and a word was spoken against attempting unfortunate Temple building projects in the future. Subordinate lodges were urged to adopt budgets, and pay greater attention to their financial dealings. The Grand Master is in favor of the consolidation of small lodges, as present means of travel and good roads no longer make the lodge at the crossroads necessary. In regard to remission of dues, he gives the following warning:

"Your Grand Master recognizes that there are many individual cases of brethren whose dues should be remitted, but we know of several lodges which during the past year or two have done themselves serious injustice and have jeopardized their own financial standing as well as that of the Grand Lodge by wholesale remission of dues. In 1932 the dues of over a thousand brethren were remitted. This year the dues of 807 members have been remitted, and several lodges have remitted in our judgment too large a percentage of their dues. A lodge cannot carry on and do this. The spirit is fine but many times it represents a mistaken idea of Masonic charity, and frequently members will claim inability to pay and permit the remission of the same and at the same time are able to find money to do a lot of unnecessary and sometimes harmful things. We heartily approve the proposed amendment to our By-Laws limiting the number of remissions to a percentage of the total membership."

Generally speaking, there is evidence of greatly improved financial conditions in practically all the lodges.

The Grand Master urged that proficiency in the Ritual be demanded of officers. Ritualistic work has been greatly aided by the appointment of a special instructor in the Ritual for each lodge. These special instructors must pass a satisfactory examination before the Board of Custodians, and receive a Certificate of Proficiency. He also urged that proficiency in the Lecture of the Master Mason degree be required of every Master Mason, and that any brother who refuses or neglects to learn this Lecture, and pass a satisfactory examination within one year, shall be reported by the special instructor on Ritual to the Grand Master, who shall have the power, after proper investigation, to suspend such brother from the rights and benefits of Masonry, pending his compliance with this By-Law.

He decided that a candidate for the office of Worshipful Master must receive a majority vote.

Two dispensations were issued for the holding of Open Air meetings on the High Hill or in a Low Vale.

Four lodges—Minto, North Star at Larimore, Sanborn and Wahpeton—celebrated their 50th anniversaries.

The liquor question is again to the front, and a general warning given against Masons rendering themselves liable to charges of unmasonic conduct. The Grand Master closed his address on this note:

"The record of our stewardship is now before you. As we have said on many another occasion, we have had three chief aims. We want to re-emphasize them in this final message as your Grand Master. First,

to bring about a greater recognition of our obligations as Masons and as citizens. Second, to instill a little deeper the realization of brotherhood, Masonic fellowship and friendship at a time when so many Master Masons have been yearning for brotherhood, fellowship and friendship. Third, to keep alive our desire—our understanding of our responsibilities, of services—not alone to ourselves, but to others as well.

“For after all, it is our faith, our brotherhood, our service which are investments in the future which will keep Freemasonry a living, virile thing. The manner of our husbandmanship of this great trinity of objectives will demonstrate our worthiness of being numbered among that vast array of those who are proud to count themselves members of the Ancient and honorable institution of Freemasonry, of our worthiness as inheritors of the legacy that has been handed down to us by our Builders.”

Membership stands at 13,428.

The Library report showed an increased demand for books, with the Masonic section leading, followed by that of the Fine Arts, an indication of widening horizons.

The Grand Lodge of the Three Rings in Czechoslovakia, and the Grand Lodge of Paraiba in Brazil, were both recognized.

Excellent work is being done by the Committee on Masonic Service and Education. This branch seems to be very well organized and exceedingly active, and is, therefore, obtaining good results. Their activities do not seem to be confined altogether to the Craft, but assistance is given, apparently, wherever the need is seen.

The special committee in regard to suspensions for non-payment of dues brought in a report which gives a good analysis of the causes leading up to the present situation. The members came to the conclusion that financial conditions are not alone to blame for suspensions, and that they should not be too hasty in recommending re-instatements. They thought that during the “hey-day” Masonry accumulated considerable “watered stock,” and that it is just as well to liquidate a large portion of this. The best solution, in their opinion, is a renewal of interest in the lodge. The suspended member should never be allowed to lose his contact.

From the membership statistics for the United States given in the report, we notice that there was a total loss of membership of 171,156, being the peak of steadily increasing numbers since 1930. Canada, has, in the same time, lost 7,916 members.

The Fraternal Correspondence is by Walter H. Murfin, Past Grand Master. We like the reviewer’s breezy style and also his comments, but again we rather fail to see why only Grand Jurisdictions in the United States should come within the range of his vision. Practically every page of the report contains both news and views, and both are well worth consideration.

Mark I. Forkner, Langdon, —M. W. Grand Master.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo —R. W. Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

NOVA SCOTIA

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Guysborough on Wednesday, May 24th, for the purpose of dedicating the New Hall for Eastern Light, No. 72.

M. W. Bro. Harris presided at this meeting, as he did at the Sixty-ninth Annual Communication held at Halifax on 13th June, 1934.

The Grand Master's address is a striking document extending to twenty-seven pages—the record of an intense, busy year—the record of one who realized the extent of his responsibilities and who has discharged them ably and well. At the outset he attacks the “isms” with which we are confronted. Thus:

“The Craft has been saved not by weird and worthless schemes for saving humanity, such as Fascism and Hitlerism and Communism. Such panaceas get no support from Freemasonry which sets up its two great pillars of fire and cloud, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, to guide its children through the wilderness of life.”

He gives a complete and colourful description of his participation in the ceremony of Dedicating the Peace Memorial Temple in London.

The Grand Master attended all District Meetings and eighteen individual lodge meetings. In addition he visited Boston, Mass., Montreal, Toronto and many other points. On 12th April he entertained our own M. W. Bro. Dr. Kerby, P.G.M. We would have enjoyed this meeting, especially if each started in to tell of the wonders of their respective Provinces. The record, however, states that a pleasant and a profitable hour was spent.

The Grand Master recommends that the formation of a Board of General Purposes be considered. We can hardly understand how the affairs of a modern Grand Lodge can be administered without such a Board and we have no doubt about the adoption of the Grand Master's suggestion.

The Grand Master comments on the large number of Suspensions N.P.D. during the preceding five years and he makes useful recommendations for dealing with this problem.

In Nova Scotia there are 79 members who have been in the Order for fifty years and upwards. The Grand Master suggests that recognition of such years of service should be evidenced by the presentation of Jewels from Grand Lodge. The suggestion seems timely and proper.

Nova Scotia, like other jurisdictions, is feeling the effect of present conditions. The net loss in membership is 346. Financial aid was extended to forty-seven cases, the sum of \$955.75 being expended.

The Trustees of the Freemason's Home report thirty-two resident guests and twelve who reside out of the Home. The movement to establish this Home began in 1888, the final consummation being accomplished by the opening of the establishment in 1909. Today it stands with a record of over twenty-five years useful beneficent service. Fortunately it is well endowed financially and during the years it has been in operation it has taken care of 114 guests.

The Bi-centenary celebration of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia will take place in June, 1936, when a delightful programme has been

arranged. This occasion is to be marked by the publication of a concise History of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia, covering the past 200 years. Part of this history has been written by M. W. Bro. Harris, the Grand Master, than whom we know of no one more capable of performing this important work. Other jurisdictions extend to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia sincere congratulations, on this historic occasion.

The Grand Historian makes reference to the plays written by the Grand Master and mentions various places where they have been presented. They have reached Alberta and have been duly appreciated. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the Grand Master for his valuable contribution to Masonic activity and we are pleased to have this opportunity of expressing it.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Lessing (in Prague) and the Grand Lodge of Sweden. Applications from the Grand Lodge of Brazil and Grand Orient de Amazonas e Acre and the Grand Lodge of Roumania were deferred for further investigations.

M. W. Bro. James E. Jones is responsible for the Fraternal Correspondence, sixty-one reviews being submitted. There is a generous kindly review of Alberta.

G.M.B.

OHIO

One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication held at Cleveland, October 31st, 1934. M. W. Bro. Sam H. Squire, Grand Master.

Lodges 621, Membership 182,238. Loss for the year 8,117.

Alberta was reported present in the person of her Grand Representative, Bro. John P. McCune.

The Grand Master pays a glowing tribute to his District Lecturers, closing with the appreciative words: "The future is secure when such loyalty exists."

There were no applications for dispensation for new lodges, for which fact the Grand Master expresses himself grateful.

Ohio is taking legal action against clandestine lodges in the State.

The repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment has caused trouble in Ohio as elsewhere. It looks as though a number of brethren in Ohio will lose their status because of being employed by the State Liquor Stores. In a decision to an individual lodge the Grand Master opines that a bookkeeper or cashier may escape but "certainly the manager of a store or clerk who handled sales" would not. This looks like splitting hairs with a vengeance and is an illustration of the difficulties of administering iron clad codes.

Delinquent dues are a problem in Ohio as elsewhere as the Grand Master urges personal contacts in an endeavor to save suspensions.

Sunday observance comes in for some pointed comment and legislation to prevent lodges working or picnicing on Sunday is recommended

The list of the Grand Master's visits leaves us fairly dizzy!

He makes some very fine comment on the duty and privilege of Masonic Charity. His remarks may be summarized in his own words: "To aid a Brother is not only a duty but should be an inexpressible pleasure."

From the Grand Secretary's report we cull the astonishing fact that "During the past three years, 26,203 members were suspended for non-payment of dues, and of these 3,092 reinstated themselves during the past two years." Are more than ten percent of Ohio's Masons lost in this terrible depression?

Recognition is granted no less than five Grand Lodges in Brazil, one in Argentina and one in Nicaragua but suspended action is recorded on the application of seven others, including Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the new National, Independent and Regular of France. Withdrawal of recognition from the Grand Orient of Brazil is recorded.

An essay by a veteran Freemason, M. W. Bro. Nelson Williams, appears in full. The subject is "Is Freemasonry Worth the Price" and M. W. Bro. Williams' answer after forty-five years of experience is a well-told and delightful "yes."

For the historically minded, Appendix F. from the able pen of Bro. Charles S. Plumb 33° is a gem. It is the story of General Lafayette and His Contacts with American Freemasonry.

The report contains the usual ample statistical data including the operations of the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield, and an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence in which, as always, Alberta finds generous and friendly mention.

Next Annual Communication, Akron, October 16th, 1935.

M. W. Grand Master—Carl W. Ellenwood, Wooster.

R. W. Bro. Grand Secretary—Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati.

A.M.M.

OKLAHOMA

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma held its Twenty-sixth Annual Communication at Muskogee, on February 13, 1934, with M. W. Bro. Mahlon F. Manville, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Representatives were received by the Grand Master, but it is to be regretted that the representative for Alberta did not answer the roll call.

After reading the address of the Grand Master, truly we can say with him "The Night has been Dark" for he has been called upon to act in many capacities from a collection agent for lodge dues to a Bond Salesman. The address touches on the many phases of the work of Grand Lodge, all of which goes to show that M. W. Bro. Manville had a very busy year of office. We quite agree with the Grand Master in his remarks on the claims made on the funds of Grand Lodge covering obligations laid at the door of lodges by foreign jurisdictions in paying the funeral expenses of brethren without obtaining their consent to the liability. The only way to put a stop to that type of claim is to refuse

to pay and that is what Oklahoma did through its Grand Master. It is unfortunate that the good name of Masonry should be besmirched by the defaulting of lodges in their bond indebtedness. However, these are difficult times, and the debtor and the creditor should bear with one another in the working out of a solution of difficulties of this kind.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations is rather interesting reading. A check up on Grand Representatives was made when each was requested to state their opinion on the activities of the Grand Jurisdiction they represent. Their representative near the Grand Lodge of Scotland gave the most interesting and instructive reply. The Chairman of this Committee seems to be laboring under the delusion that a Grand Lodge must have a "Home" in order to do its charity work effectively. May we say to him that a more sympathetic contact is made Masonically and otherwise by allowing our dependents to dwell among their own people and live their own life rather than be confined in an institution. We speak whereof we know. Recognition was granted to the Grand Lodge of Paraiba, Brazil, the Grand Lodge of Para, Brazil, the Grand Lodge of Bahia, Brazil, and the Grand Orient of Italy, at present located in West Hampton, London, England, also the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

The program of the Masonic Service and Education Committee covered the activities of Grand Lodge rather than follow the usual educational line, and doubtless such a program would be of great benefit in enlightening the brethren on the work of their Grand Lodge.

A charter was refused to a lodge because most of those signing the petition were members of a defunct lodge which was deeply indebted to Grand Lodge and the dispensation was continued to enable them to realize their responsibilities.

The review of the Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphry and we thank him for the fraternal review of Alberta.

John J. Allen, Enid—M. W. Grand Master.

Claude A. Sturgeon, Guthrie—R. W. Grand Secretary.

W.I. .

OREGON

Eighty-fourth Annual Communication, June 13th, 14th and 15th, 1934.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon was opened in Ample Form in the Commandery Room of the Masonic Temple, Portland, by M. W. Bro. Leslie M. Scott, Grand Master. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were in attendnace. Alberta's representative, M. W. Bro. Edgar H. Sensenich, responded for this Grand Jurisdiction, which had sent a telegram of greetings and felicitations.

The address of the Grand Master, as one might be led to expect from reading the short account of his life at the beginning of the Proceedings, strikes one as being above the average in Masonic philosophy and exposition. Justice could be done to the address only by liberal quotations, which space forbids. The Grand Master is clearly also a

man of action, as was seen in his attitude on the official publication of Hillah Temple in calling the attention of the "Nobles" to the fact that arrangements had been made with the management of the Medford State Liquor Store to have that office open until midnight, on the day of the Shrine session at Medford. The Grand Master's letter of protest characterized this as a disgraceful announcement from the view-point of Masonry, and a flagrant affront to Masonic decency. Action also was taken in closing the Craftsman's Club at Eugene, when it was found that the building was being used by a group of students alleged to be engaged in Communistic propaganda. A determined effort had been made during the year to collect arrears of dues, with very fair success. Both the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges have felt the benefits of this movement. The Grand Master pointed out that the dues of misnamed "higher bodies" should not be permitted to prevent collection of the prior dues owing to blue lodges. In fact, he has urged lodges to collect their dues first, and to drop from lodge membership climbers who plainly use their lodge membership as a mere ladder for superfluous luxuries in Royal Arch, Commandery, Eastern Star, Shrine and Scottish Rite, to the detriment of lodge activities. He asked the pertinent question, with empty echo for the answer, "How many brethren who are busy with these luxuries have ever applied themselves to the basic Masonry of the Craft lodges? And if they have not done so, what are their 'higher' Masonry and 'higher' gewgaws worth?" Lodge Masonry is first. While this collection policy has been criticized as severe and harsh, the Grand Master is convinced that the spirit and personnel and finance of the Fraternity have been visibly improved.

Several Masonic Temples are having financial difficulties in carrying their mortgages, but only one foreclosure has taken place. The list of lodge trials is a fairly long one, and probably emphasizes the fact that insufficient discrimination marked the rush into Masonry some years ago. A firm stand, however, appears to have been taken against condoning Masonic offenses.

The following quotations from the Grand Master's address illustrate his conception of Masonry:

"Masonry, in an upset world, clings to old standards of morals, freedom, thrift.

"Masonry resists current trends to innovation, despotism, pauperism, communism.

"Masonry opposes the growth of the absolute state, as a bureaucratic machine and a political religion.

"Masonry has many duties: social, charitable, moral, intellectual, political, religious; but no duty is more important in today's confusion than that of leading the public mind away from fanciful innovations, which would destroy thrift, sobriety, industry and liberty.

"The remedies for the current confusion lie in the character of the people, not in revolution of political and industrial systems.

"Laws, doles, political elections will not solve today's problems. Only individual effort will do that, using sobriety, patience, moderation, industry, toleration, and Paul's love of humanity, without which, as he says, we become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

The Grand Orator, Robert Tucker, gave a thoughtful address under the title "The Individual in the Light of Pending Problems."

As might be expected, the oration deals largely with the attitude of people towards present economic conditions, and especially their tendency to rely upon the Government to assist them, instead of looking to themselves.

Twenty-eight Fifty Year Buttons were presented.

The Masonic Board of Relief handled 693 cases during the fiscal year, and disbursed over \$7,000.00.

The Review of Foreign Correspondence was in the hands of Otto C. Hagmeier, P.G.M. As this is his initial review, we welcome Bro. Hagmeier to the Round Table, and would only say that we endorse the praise and commendation bestowed upon his work by the Grand Master. Alberta is fully reviewed, with liberal quotations from the address of Grand Master, Gilbert M. Blackstock, with whom M. W. Bro. Hagmeier finds himself in agreement.

Ezra N. Wilson, Medford, M. W. Grand Master.

D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, R. W. Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the City of Philadelphia on December 27th, 1934, and quarterly communications were convened on May 7th, June 6th, September 5th and December 5th, 1934.

At the Quarterly Meeting of March 7th the Committee on Correspondence gave formal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Sweden together with an expression of appreciation of the fraternal relations existing between these two Masonic Grand Lodges. At the same meeting recognition to the Grand Lodge of Denmark was refused as it appears to have been a child of the Grand Orient of France which they do not recognize and consequently could not extend fraternal relations to Denmark.

From the Grand Secretary's report presented to the March Communication we learn that Pennsylvania suffered a loss of 6,978 members during the past year.

The Quarterly Communication of June 6th was marked by the presentation to Grand Lodge of Bro. Samuel Armstrong, who is 99 years of age and had been a member of their Frankford Lodge No. 292 continuously for 75 years. He was escorted to the East and the Grand Master placed him in his chair and ordered the honors due to a Grand Master to be extended to him. A very graceful act indeed.

The invitation to the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to be held in 1936 was read at the September Communication when it was resolved to send two delegates to be named at a later communication.

This Grand Lodge has placed a bann upon any womens' organizations that make Masonry a prerequisite to membership. One Past Master resenting the attitude of his Grand Lodge had the temerity to address a letter to the Grand Master couched in such terms as to be regarded as scurrilous and upon refusing to retract same the Grand Master promptly ordered charges laid for unmasonic conduct.

The election of Grand Lodge officers was held at the quarterly communication of December 5th, when R. W. Bro. Otto R. Hiligman, Grand Master and his officers were re-elected. There was also presented at this time the Grand Lodge Charity Fund accounts together with the accounts of the several bequest funds which this Grand Lodge enjoys.

The report of the Committee on Library discloses a considerable amount of interest taken by the brethren in educational work. Reference is also made to the passing of Bro. Wm. Dick, Librarian and Curator for the past ten years.

It is significant to read in the report of the Committee on Masonic Homes the following:

"Home assistance as we call it, still continues to be considered the more desirable and less expensive than institutional life, but so far the available funds for this purpose are restricted to the care of minor children in their own homes."

At the Annual Communication held on December 27th, Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey honored this Grand Lodge with their presence, and were accorded the customary honors.

The principal item of business is the address of the Grand Master which is largely a resume of his official acts wherein he tells us, "The joy attached to the work of the Grand Master is not to be found in the rendering of decisions and in the forging of edicts."

Here is a decision that many Masters and Secretaries may not agree with:

"Decided that Lodge notices must not contain specific reference to any form of special attraction, such as Father and Son Night, Veterans' Night, and special meetings for groups of any industrial concern. This will not conflict with such insertions as Past Masters' Night and Lecture Corps addresses already allowed for by the Digest of Decision."

Subordinate lodges have been violating their Constitution in the matter of keeping proper books of account which necessitated the Grand Master issuing an edict which compelled the lodges to institute a system of accounting which is outlined in the edict.

One lodge had its Warrant returned and reorganized.

The Proceedings of Pennsylvania do not contain a review of the Foreign Correspondence.

Otto R. Heiligman—R. W. Grand Master.

John A. Perry—R. W. Grand Secretary.

W.I.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island held a Special Communication on 16th November, 1933, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late M. W. Bro. John L. Thomson, P.G.M.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Charlottetown on 27th June, 1934, R. W. Bro. F. M. Pidgeon presiding as Grand Master. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master, who had been unable to perform the duties of his office in full on account of his absence from the Province, was not present and his very brief address was read. His duties apparently were carried out by the Deputy Grand Master who gave a report of his activities.

Addresses were delivered by the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. The Grand Secretary reports a net decrease of thirty-two members. Suspension N.P.D. again at work.

A resolution was passed and was ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario requesting that august body to consider such a change in its name as will exactly express its jurisdiction and thus prevent confusion and misunderstanding as the relative sovereignty of the sister Grand Lodges in Canada. We await the result with hopeful expectancy. We believe that it was the late R. L. Stevenson who said "It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive." We wonder.

Grand Lodge was represented by the bi-centenary meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

A well written report of his attendance at the dedication of the Peace Memorial Temple comes from the pen of M. W. Bro. Gordon, P.G.M.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the Proceedings is a paper on Freemasonry in Prince Edward Island by M. W. Bro. G. W. Wakeford, P.G.M. Masonry in the Island was first (1781) under the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and later (1826) under the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was formed in 1875. Preparations are under way for the celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary on 21st June, 1935.

There is no fraternal correspondence.

G.M.B

QUEBEC

The Grand Lodge of Quebec held its Annual Communication in Montreal on 14th February, 1934, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. McDonald, presiding. R. W. Bro. Sonberger, Alberta's Grand Representative, was unavoidably absent.

In his address the Grand Master gives an interesting outline of his visit to London on the occasion of the dedication of the Peace Memorial Temple.

He has trenchant observations to make on the vexed subject of Life Membership, pointing out that such a privilege must be placed on a solid financial footing. Continuing he says:

"In this Jurisdiction Life Membership is general, and a too liberal policy in the past has made it extremely difficult for many lodges to function properly during these difficult times and which have brought up many problems not heretofore met with. It seems essential that our lodges should, as soon as possible, study this serious aspect of our Masonic life or it may become necessary in the near future for this Grand Lodge to revise and restrict the Constitutional privilege in this respect."

With all of which we are in most hearty agreement. This problem is becoming acute in all jurisdictions which permit life membership and unquestionably action must soon be taken.

A highlight of the meeting was an address by Bro. Rev. F. W. Jones, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reports the maintenance of a satisfactory position, notwithstanding a decrease in finances and a net decrease of 506 in membership. For the latter, Suspension N.P.D. is largely responsible.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s are of more than passing interest. Most of these men apparently are not content to refer matters to the Grand Master or the Grand Secretary. They have done some constructive thinking for themselves.

R. W. Bro. Thomson departs from the usual stereotyped report and as a result of his experiences makes definite recommendations regarding Rentals, Ritualistic Works, Honorary Members, qualifications for passing, raising and Grand Lodge Certificates.

Of Honorary members he says they are a "burden of expense to any Lodge." We quite agree.

Another of the officers recommends that Masters elect be examined as to their proficiency in the three degrees of Craft Masonry. We already require such an examination in Alberta, to which we would like to add an examination as to proficiency in the Book of Constitution.

During the year 73 applications for relief were granted, the sum of \$8,125.00 being expended.

Recognition was refused to the Grand Orient de Amazonas e Acre.

In the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry we find the following:

"It is a source of satisfaction for your Committee to learn that District Meetings have been held in the various rural Districts of the Grand Lodge. The purpose of all these conferences, the District Meetings and reunions is to unite more closely the whole group. The District Meetings were a means whereby the Grand Master was able to make contact with the greatest number of Brethren throughout the Province. Obviously, it is not possible for the Grand Master to visit every lodge, but it was possible for him to visit every District."

This is obviously the solution of a difficult situation, although its general purpose and utility goes much further than is suggested.

A useful report comes from the Special Committee on Lodge Finance, and Accounts. The committee wisely steered clear of any control being exercised by Grand Lodge, but if its recommendations are adopted by the constituent lodges many financial difficulties now existing will be solved and will not recur. This committee recommends that no member initiated after March 1st, 1934, shall be entitled to life membership except on payment of a capital sum, the interest on which will be sufficient to re-imburse the lodge for the expense of carrying the member. Stringent but very wise.

In the well written report of Foreign Correspondence from the pen of M. W. Bro. E. A. Evans, P.G.M., Alberta is kindly and courteously reviewed.

G.M.B.

QUEENSLAND

Proceedings ending June, 1934

M. W. Bro. W. H. Green, was elected Grand Master for the fourth time. Incidentally, in his picture, appearing in the front of the Proceedings, there is added "32°", which seems to this reviewer decidedly out of place.

An unusual state of affairs in one of the subordinate lodges occupied a great deal of the time of Grand Lodge. It appeared that for a period of three or four years a small minority of the members had consistently blackballed all applicants for membership, because the lodge refused to accept the application of one of their friends. The lodge suspended these members indefinitely. Thereafter applications in the subordinate lodge in question were accepted regularly and harmony prevailed. The Board of General Purposes held that such suspension by the private lodge did not act as a suspension from Grand Lodge or from other lodges, and owing to the intricacies of the Constitution the Board of General Purposes ruling was sustained. The net result was that the members continued to be suspended from the subordinate lodge and a committee of Grand Lodge was appointed to revise the Constitution.

On Anzac Day, Wednesday, the 25th day of April, 1934, the Freemasons gathered in large numbers around the Memorial Urn within the entrance of the Masonic Temple to pay tribute to the fallen brethren in the Great War. Wreaths were deposited on behalf of Grand Lodge and various subordinate lodges. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, addressing the assemblage, said in part:

"Anzac Day has now become a sacred day to Australia and to New Zealand, and to all of us Anzac Day is a symbol. It stands in our hearts for something quite apart from anything else. Until the year 1915 the word Anzac was quite unknown. Now it is not only engraved upon marble, stone and other memorials throughout the length and breadth of the land, but it is engraved deep down in the hearts of all Australian and New Zealand people. It stands for all that Australia and New Zealand did in the Great War.

"The story of Anzac is at once a sacrifice, an immortal memory, a definite bond of union and a great eternal challenge. It has reised for all time and for all Australians a standard of loyal devotion to King and Country, to honour and to truth, which, like the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, it will lead us to the highest destiny to which any nation can aspire."

The University of Queensland, as an expression of its appreciation of the gift to the University by Grand Lodge of certain real estate, notified Grand Lodge that they had established three annual Scholarships of £40 each, to be known as the Queensland Freemasons' Scholarships.

The Grand Master made an interesting reference to the establishment of Masonry in the heart of New Guinea, where only a short time previously cannibalistic tribes held sway, where the Grand Master consecrated a new lodge. He visited members of the Craft in the

mandated territories. The following quotation from his address is of interest:

"During one of my recent visitations I was asked to make a pronouncement regarding the association of Freemasons with certain beliefs that are credited with being opposed to Constitutional Government as it is associated with the British Empire. Surely such should be unnecessary, for whilst Freemasonry does not associate itself with political beliefs or political parties, it definitely lays down our obligations as citizens, for are we not taught on our entrance into Freemasonry that one of the characteristics of a Freemason is "That he never loses sight of the allegiance due to the Sovereign of his native land, ever remembering that the Almighty has implanted within his breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which he derives his birth and infant nurture?" This has to find expression in the fulfilment of his duties as a citizen; he should be obedient to the Government, loyal to its laws, devoted and prompt in his duties, and a living exemplification of every moral and social virtue. Anyone not manifesting these characteristics or failing to adhere to these principles, cannot be recognized as a Freemason."

An interesting point of practice arose on the question of whether an ex-officio member of the Board of General Purposes could be elected to that Board. Grand Lodge decided that he could.

The Board of Management reports that the finances of Grand Lodge are improving with the gradual improvement in business conditions.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. W. H. Green.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. L. P. Marks.

E.T.B.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was opened in Ample Form in Freemasons' Hall, Providence, on Monday, May 21st, A.D. 1934. M. W. Bro. Augustus F. Rose, Grand Master, presided.

The Grand Master's address consisted in the main of a recital of his official acts within and without the Jurisdiction. Included therein is an interesting account of the Bi-Centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in Boston on June 25th to 28th, 1933. A very unique event in this celebration was the representation of "An 18th Century Lodge" representing in three acts a Lodge Assembly in the Thatched House Tavern, London, England, in 1723. The costumes, furniture and entire performance gave a vivid impression of a lodge meeting over 200 years ago in England. The closing session of the celebration held in the Boston Arena was attended by about 10,000 Masons, one of the largest Assemblies of Craft Masons ever held in the Western Hemisphere.

The major portion of the Grand Master's address apart from statistical data gave an account of the dedicatory ceremonies in connection with the Masonic Peace Memorial in London, England. Accompanying

the very interesting report of these proceedings, which were attended by the Grand Master, were full page lithographed cuts of the Masonic Peace Memorial, the invitation and acceptance and the correspondence between the two Grand Lodges following the same.

The Grand Master made four recommendations, namely:

1. That a complete reorganization of the Masonic Service Board be carried out.
2. That a programme of Masonic Educational Work shall be planned and put into operation throughout the Jurisdiction.
3. That Rhode Island join the Masonic Service Association of the United States.
4. That Grand Lodge present a medal to be known as the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Veteran's Medal to all brethren in the Jurisdiction who have been Masons in good standing for 50 years.

These recommendations were later approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom they were referred and the Committee's report adopted by Grand Lodge.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Denmark and the Grand Lodges of Bahia and Para in Brazil. This Grand Lodge does not publish a Review of the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions.

Total membership 17,969. Net decrease 475.

M. W. Bro. Charles W. Littlefield, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Harold L. McAuslan, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Twenty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was opened in Prince Albert on 20th June, 1934, but on account of the General Election held on 19th June the meeting was adjourned till 27th June. M. W. Bro. N. R. Craig, the Grand Master, presided.

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master in his address gives a clear, concise report of his year's activities. He concludes with a philosophic valedictory, much of which strikes a responsive chord, thus:

"The permanence of Masonry, as the permanence of every other human institution, depends upon the basic soundness and eternal truth of the principles upon which it is founded."

and again:

"I always look at any Masonic gathering to see what proportion are young men. I venerate age and experience. I, at the same time, realize that if Masonic experience is to be present in age it must begin in youth."

The Grand Master made one important ruling as follows:

"No Motion for which Notice of Motion is required shall be amended or altered upon the return date to the Notice of Motion, and must be dealt with in its original form as set out in the Notice of Motion, unless the Lodge shall see fit to defer consideration of the matter until notice of a proposed amendment shall be given in the same manner as the original Notice of Motion was given."

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence concurred. With much respect we feel that the ruling goes too far and we see in it a method whereby a decision upon a meritorious motion could be indefinitely postponed.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s are brief and to the point. In spite of economic conditions they are all optimistic of the future.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership loss of 499. A lodge was constituted and two temples dedicated. The charter of one lodge was arrested.

The Board of General Purposes recommended and Grand Lodge duly passed a resolution inviting the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario to consider a change in its name. We fear that the appeal has fallen upon deaf ears. We likewise fear that some of our remarks in a recent review of Ontario's Proceedings has unfortunately—as we see it—strengthened the determination of our Ontario brethren to retain their historic name in perpetuity.

Fraternal recognition was refused to the Grand Lodge of Columbia at Bogota, the Grand Orient of Roumania, the National Grand Lodge of Roumania, and the Grand Orient do Amasonas e Acre in Brazil and the Grand Orient of France.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Denmark and to the Grand Lodges of Rio de Janeiro and Parahyba.

During the past twelve months the sum of \$12,668.05 was expended by the Committee on Benevolence in assisting 82 cases.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry presented a courageous report. Of 198 lodges they report 21 as being in an unsatisfactory condition and recommend:

"It is quite evident that rather too many charters were granted during times of prosperity and we are now of the opinion that Grand Lodge should face its responsibility toward those Lodges that are gradually becoming weaker and endeavour to make such adjustments as may be necessary to protect the membership of many worthy Brethren who are simply the innocent victims of changes and changing conditions. The opportunity to do this still remains; when a charter has been surrendered or arrested, it is too late."

The committee is to be commended for facing this grave issue squarely and before it is too late.

Saskatchewan has active committees on Masonic History and on Masonic Education and Research and their reports are worthy of perusal and earnest consideration.

A motion which in effect would further limit the prerogative of Masters by providing for the election of all Masters by ballot was lost.

This is as it should be.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has been much curtailed. Alberta, however, received kindly mention.

G.M.B.

SCOTLAND

Grand Lodge met in Edinburgh on February 1st, 1934, and was opened in "Full Form" by Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Lord Saltoun, M.C., J.P., M. W. Grand Master Mason, on the Throne, who first act was to present a P.G.M.'s jewel to the immediate Past Grand Master, Bro. Lord Belhaven and Stenton.

He then reported that with a strong delegation of Grand Officers he had visited Antwerp, where he had erected and consecrated Lodge Wellington, No. 1385 of the Scottish Constitution, and from what he saw of the lodge he predicted it would become an ornament to their Grand Lodge.

The thanks of Grand Lodge were expressed for numerous reports and Proceedings from several Grand Lodges, including Alberta.

Egypt, Palestine and Syria were divided into three districts and District Superintendents for each were appointed.

At the November meeting the Grand Master Mason reported his visit to the Grand Lodge of England at its meeting in Newcastle, where he discussed with the M. W. Pro Grand Master ways and means for better co-operation between the two Grand Lodges.

The announcement was made that the Bi-Centenary of Grand Lodge would be celebrated in a fitting manner in November, 1936, and in order to have the Grand Master Mason elected before this celebration a resolution was passed authorizing nominations at an earlier date. M. W. Bro. Lord Saltoun stated that the royal permission having been obtained he would move, "That Bro. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales be elected as Grand Master for installation on the 30th of November, 1936." The motion being seconded by M. W. Bro. the Earl of Elgin, was unanimously adopted with great enthusiasm.

M. W. Bro. Lord Saltoun was re-nominated Grand Master Mason and at the November 30th, 1934, meeting the Annual Installation ceremony with its St. Andrew's dinner took place. Many good speeches, songs and stories were enjoyed. The proposer of the toast to Grand Lodge, in his address said that in the nearly two hundred years of existence the Grand Lodge of Scotland never was in a healthier condition than at present. He did not refer to finances, although they are not in bad shape. What he meant was that "At no time in the history of Grand Lodge were the fundamental tenets of Freemasonry more jealously guarded or more firmly upheld than in the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1934." The Grand Master Mason in replying gave a full account of the year's work and his numerous visits. He went into the financial standing of the Provinces and the lodges with the result, he thought, of awakening fresh enthusiasm and better co-operation among the various bodies.

Another brother, speaking of the visit to the United States by the Grand Master Mason and himself, mentioned some of their experiences. Speeches in lodge were generally lengthy and after one long session of such addresses when it came to Lord Saltoun's turn to respond, he said "Rt. Wor. Master, Wardens and Brethren, thank you," and sat down, being afterwards complimented on making the best speech every heard in America. Going on to speak of other things, he said the reluctance of lodges and members to enthusiastically support things which ought to be done is generally due to the fact that they are not sufficiently informed by Grand Officers or of having them sympathetically explained.

There was a fair increase in the number of new members this year over that of last year, but the total increase—5,779—was very small in comparison with the number accepted fourteen or fifteen years ago, when the total was 45,300.

J.H.W.S.K.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for the year ending April, 1934

An Especial Communication was held in July, 1933, to receive and extend a welcome to the M. W. the Grand Master on his return from England after a visit on leave as Governor of the State. In his address of welcome, the Deputy Grand Master said that they were entitled to claim that Freemasonry was a powerful influence towards unity within the Empire and that it was a fine thing that they/should have as their Grand Master the Governor of the State.

At the request of the Board of General Purposes, the Pro Grand Master referred to unauthorized publications of Masonic proceedings in the public press, and he pointed out, that while in England it has been treated as a Masonic offence, he preferred to dwell rather upon the question of good taste and etiquette than upon the breach of obligation.

The Grand Inspector, in speaking of his recent visits to English lodges, pointed out that many Rituals are in vogue in England, but the two outstanding Schools of Instruction, each maintaining that their working is a direct interpretation of the house working demonstrated by the Lodge of Reconciliation in 1816, are the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and the Stability Lodge of Instruction, and that, in his opinion, the differences in the working are very slight and of no consequence.

An interesting account is given of early Freemasonry in Australia. We quote the following interesting paragraphs from this account:

"It was in the year 1803 that we first hear of Freemasonry in Australasia, and the locality was the then infant city of Sydney (N.S.W.). The record referred to is brief and bald, but significant enough for our purpose, though the climax was not by any means encouraging to the ardent spirits who desired to form a Masonic Lodge. The originators of the movement were stated to be "Several officers of His Majesty's ships, together with some respectable inhabitants of Sydney." Governor King, however, to whom the petition had been addressed, refused his sanction, but in spite of the prohibition a Lodge was held, probably of a formal character, and with serious results, to the prime mover, one

H. Brown Hayes, who was sent to Van Dieman's Land, which had that year been proclaimed a British settlement.

In the same month as this occurrence there is the following entry in a diary of a private colonist: "May 22nd, 1803—A number of Masons, meeting at the house of Sergeant Whittell, in Sydney, N.S.W., were arrested, and after serious report, were discharged as having no wilful intention to disturb the peace." (Lamonby.)

The Grand Master unveiled a bronze tablet commemorating the jubilee of the foundation of Grand Lodge. There were present on that occasion four of the original signatories to the requisition that summoned the original Grand Lodge. This golden jubilee celebration was held during three days in April and was attended by many distinguished Freemasons from Australia and New Zealand and even from South Africa. The Grand Master, in the course of his address, said without hesitation that the standard of work by lodges in South Australia bears favorable comparison with the standards of lodges in other parts of the world.

The Report of Proceedings is accompanied by the Report of Foreign Correspondence, which includes an appreciative discussion of the Alberta Proceedings.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. His Excellency Brig.-Gen. Hon. Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright, Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, Adelaide.

E.T.B.

SOUTH CAROLINA

One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Annual Communication—M. W. Bro. E. S. C. Baker, Grand Master. Alberta representative not present. Distinguished guests included R. W. Bro. Claudy, Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, M. W. Bro. Mosely Brown, Grand Master of Virginia and M. W. Bro. I. C. Blackwood, present Governor of the State.

From the Grand Master's address we quote:

"We are almost wholly neglecting one important class of Masonic Education. We are doing something along general education and informative lines such as distributing among the Craft Masonic literature; but we are neglecting the teaching of our ritual, the dispensing of information with reference to our Masonic law and procedure, and many other things vital to a proper conception and appropriation of Masonry's moral and spiritual meanings."

"We hear much today about the failure of members to attend their lodges and we are told the reason is they are losing interest in Masonry. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT. A Masonic lodge cannot put on a show in the nature of a vaudeville nearly so well as a trained troupe of vaudeville artists, and whenever a lodge undertakes to give that class of entertainment, it may expect its members to prefer attending a playhouse

constructed and employed solely for that purpose. But the lodge has no competition in the matter of its degree work. If entertainment is desired, what better entertainment to a Mason than a proper and precisely ritualistic exemplification of one of our beautiful degrees. I am convinced that if any one of the three degrees of Masonry was to be exemplified by a trained degree team in any lodge in South Carolina every member of the lodge within reach of the meeting would make any reasonable sacrifice to be present and renew mind and spirit with the simple and sublime teaching it would afford him."

Decisions: A candidate after receiving his first degree met with an accident which caused him to lose his left leg below the knee. He was supplied with an artificial substitute which left him with a slight limp. South Carolina Masonic law is so archaic in this regard that this Entered Apprentice could not proceed with his degrees. The Grand Master recognized the utter unfairness of the situation to the extent of recommending to Grand Lodge that the covering law be changed.

He ruled against a lodge conferring degrees on Sunday.

Recommendations: Among the important recommendations of the Grand Master were the establishment of a Library and Museum, a semi-annual meeting of Grand Lodge officers and D.D.G.M.'s, and that all relief and charity be handled by the lodges, Grand Lodge assisting by distributing to the lodges pro rata the whole income from its invested relief funds.

North Carolina will be celebrating its two hundredth anniversary in 1937. They intend to make this a world wide event and already have at work a steering committee on plans, program and entertainment. As an indication of their desire to make it genuinely world wide they appointed a committee to review their relations with every jurisdiction in the world whether at present in relation or not with the view of establishing amity with all just and regular and worthy Grand Jurisdictions.

What next may we expect? Here it is. Some brother is arranging to have phonographic recordings made, of music suitable for use in the room with degree work and Grand Lodge adopted a motion commending him in his work.

The new burial ritual was laid over for another year.

Many old faces are slipping away from the round table of fraternal correspondents, as they answer the summons to join the innumerable caravan. Just two months after Grand Lodge meeting, where he filled the office of Deputy Grand Master and to which office he was re-elected, in order to permit the long time Grand Secretary O. Frank Hart to be elevated to Grand Mastership, R. W. Bro. G. T. Harmon laid down the working tools of life, after many, many years of faithful Masonic service. His report had already been completed. Thus we find a three page review of Alberta Proceedings, in which he finds opportunity to say some very nice things. May Alberta join with South Carolina in grief for the loss of such a noble Mason?

Lodges, 352. Membership, 21,485. Loss, 1,904.

M. W. Grand Master—O. Frank Hart.

R. W. Grand Secretary—T. A. Heise.

. V. H. M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sixtieth Annual Communication, June 12th and 13th, 1934, Sioux Falls.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sanford G. Donaldson, in the Masonic Temple in Sioux Falls.

The American Flag was presented at the altar, while the members standing sang "America." Addresses of welcome were given, and responded to by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. John H. Foasberg. The El Riad Quartette rendered several fine selections before the Grand Master gave his address.

One of the interesting experiences of the Grand Master during his year of office was his visitation to Boston to be present at the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in June, 1933. The proceedings began with the holding of Divine Service in the Old North Church of Boston, from the belfry of which were hung the lanterns which sent Paul Revere on his famous midnight ride to warn the farmers around Lexington and Concord of the arrival of the British soldiers. It seems to be an historical fact that the Boston Tea Party had its origin in a Masonic meeting.

The Grand Master also represented the Grand Lodge of South Dakota at the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association, the conference of the Grand Masters of the United States and the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, in Washington, during the month of February, 1934. South Dakota is low in its percentage of contribution towards the Memorial, but this condition will change when better times arrive.

Many new petitions are being now received by subordinate lodges and there seems to be an upward trend in Masonry. It has been found that many unwarranted claims are being made by widows, orphans and relatives upon the Masonic Fraternity from time to time. Apparently dependents have conceived the idea that the Fraternity is obligated to provide perpetual relief and to educate children on the passing away of a brother. Instances have been known where these dependents came to lodges, and insisted that the father told them that if anything should happen to him the Masonic lodge would provide for their future. This, of course, is erroneous. Masons must be charitable, but cannot be expected to grant perpetual relief.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the following: The Grand Lodge of Egypt, Grand Lodge of Guatemala, Grand Lodge of Republic of Columbia (Bogota), The National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia (Prague), Grand Lodge of Ecuador (Guayaquil), and the National Grand Lodge of Rumania (Bucharest).

Three matters occupied the attention of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, the actions of the respective subordinate lodges being approved in all cases.

A letter which the Grand Master read from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction showed the difficulties of carrying on the public school system under present economic conditions.

While Grand Lodge was at ease the Grand Master received Mrs. Erma M. Kubler, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern

Star, who gave an address, and did it so well that we could wish that Dr. Johnson had been present.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

John H. Foasberg, Huron, M. W. Grand Master.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, R. W. Grand Secretary

C.V.B.

TASMANIA

Proceedings September, 1933, to August, 1934

We note in the report of one of the Inspectors of Lodges that some of the lodges were devoting evenings to lectures.

The Grand Master referred to a Ruling of the M. W. Grand Master of New South Wales with regard to ladies being present at the banquet of a lodge, when in response to a toast, the Grand Master, or his representative, may wish to refer to Masonic matters. The Grand Master of Tasmania made no ruling in the matter, but preferred to rely upon the good sense and discretion of the presiding officers in each case. At the same time, he wished it to be understood that not he alone, but Grand Lodge as a body, deprecated any Assembly except that of "brethren" in the Lodge Room proper or at the Festive Board.

The Grand Master referred to the records showing an increase of membership, indicating an improvement in general affairs.

The second edition of the Ritual for Craft Masonry was adopted by Grand Lodge.

We note the case of the widow of a late brother refunding insurance premiums advanced by the Board of Benevolence, which enabled the widow to receive a substantial sum on her husband's death.

Grand Lodge had quite a lengthy discussion as to extending the purposes of the Benevolent Fund to objects outside of those strictly Masonic, and while large sympathy was expressed with the idea, the suggestion was not adopted owing to the terms upon which the monies had been collected.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Lawrie J. Abra.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. W. H. Strutt.

E.T.B.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication was held in Nashville on January 31st, 1934, M. W. Bro. Jesse B. Templeton, Grand Master, presiding.

Eleven Past Grand Masters attended. The name of Bro. L. C. Ogle, Alberta's representative does not appear. The Grand Master expressed appreciation of receiving a prompt report from one Grand Representative, giving a synopsis of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge

to which he was accredited and hoped his example would be emulated by others.

The Grand Master's address was a full and frank discussion of conditions regarding Grand Lodge and the lodges. In drawing attention to the loss in membership he alluded to the apparent fact that the lodges in their zeal to acquire numbers had overlooked the quality of those accepted. He seems to have found that members who withdraw via the N.P.D. route are largely those who should never have been admitted and he appeals for greater care in scrutinizing the character of applicants.

Two consolidations were effected—in each case two lodges combined. For some time Grand Masters in this jurisdiction and in some others have been recommending this course. Two weak lodges, existing close together, are really detrimental to each other's progress. Whereas if they amalgamated they might form one fairly strong lodge and properly undertake the duties of Masonry in that locality.

The Grand Master visited every lodge in the State and noted the condition of the halls, which he says are for the most part neat, orderly and well kept; but he finds some that are not so and curious to say the worst conditions existed in halls owned by the lodges which, for lack of funds, were unable to meet the expenses of repairs, and he comes to the conclusion that debt is the greatest handicap to progress. In fact, some lodges were forced to surrender their charters because they incurred debts which they could not pay. He then says it is probable that the Legislature will impose a tax on all property owned by religious, educational and fraternal organizations and such a measure will add another burden to lodges which own their buildings, which make one realize that possibly conditions in Alberta, masonically and otherwise, might be very much worse than they are.

He gives considerable space to the question of dues. He finds that lodges, in many instances, carry members who are from two to eleven years in arrear, which he says is a grave injustice to the faithful members of such lodges, who pay their dues and in doing so keep in good standing the member who never pays and almost invariably does not attend. The Grand Master was of the opinion that lodges had no power to remit Grand Lodge dues to its members; they could only remit that amount of their dues which belonged to the lodge. Grand Lodge did not agree with this, it being pointed out that Grand Lodge dues were payable by the lodge and not by the individual.

He refused a dispensation for a meeting in a place other than the regular hall, because the request from the Secretary stated that the Master directed him to ask for the same, but it did not show that the consent of the members was obtained and the request did not bear the seal of the lodge.

The Grand Master, finding the revenue of Grand Lodge seriously reduced and therefore to some extent affecting their Widows' and Orphans' Home, recommended that the per capita tax be raised, but Grand Lodge did not approve. He, however, was able to effect a considerable reduction in the mileage and per diem allowance paid delegates to Grand Lodge.

Feeling that a grave injustice may be done to a brother who from necessity alone dimitted from his Lodge, he thought such brother should be on the same footing, in so far as affiliation and restoration is

concerned, as a member suspended N.P.D., pointing out that a dimitted brother can only be affiliated by unanimous ballot to elect, while a member suspended N.P.D. may petition for restoration and be restored by a two-thirds vote, and he proposed certain amendments to the Constitution, but Grand Lodge did not concur.

This Grand Lodge has a Ways and Means Committee which consider the condition of the funds and assets of Grand Lodge, all propositions which affect its revenue and recommend such measures as in their opinion will operate for the benefit of the institution. In a general way, therefore, they comment upon the revenues of Grand Lodge and the general expenditure. They find all major expenditures of Grand Lodge reduced to the very minimum, so apparently the affairs were carefully administered during the year. Then they recommend that certain sums be allocated for the various annual expenditures and finding like the Grand Master, that the per capita tax of \$2.00 did not meet the operating expenses of Grand Lodge, they recommended that it be increased by 25c, by which amount it was reduced last year; but Grand Lodge did not consent.

Grand Lodge suffered the loss of one of their most prominent Past Grand Masters in M. W. Bro. Charles Comstock, who died during the year.

Alberta receives two pages, reviewing M. W. Bro. Blackstock's year, and who is liberally quoted. The reviews are by M. W. Bro. John T. Peeler, P.G.M., who at the end of his report quotes an article from the public press of Tennessee concerning General Andrew Jackson as Grand Master, which includes interesting Masonic history and other events in connection with Tennessee.

M. W. Grand Master—A. W. Lassiter.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Thos. Earle Doss.

J.H.W.S.K

TEXAS

The Ninety-ninth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Texas was held in the City of Waco on December 5th and 6th with M. W. Bro. W. S. Cooke, Grand Master, presiding.

A vacant chair containing a floral piece was placed in the East as a mark of respect in memory of R. W. Bro. W. S. Fly, who served as Grand Master in the year 1888 and passed to his reward in June, 1934.

In the list of Grand Representatives it is noted that the representative for Alberta is not mentioned. We regret this.

A novel idea was carried out at this Session whereby all the Past Grand Masters present were escorted to the altar and introduced to the M. W. Grand Lodge by the Worshipful Master or some distinguished brother of his lodge, and as each Past Grand Master was introduced at the altar, he was escorted to the Grand East and tendered the gavel by his predecessor, and presided over the Grand Lodge during the introduction of the next succeeding Past Grand Master present. An address of welcome was extended by the Grand Master and replied to by the senior ranking Past Grand Master.

A number of distinguished brethren from other jurisdictions were introduced to Grand Lodge and the honors due their rank extended to them.

In a jurisdiction so large as that of Texas the duties of a Grand Master is a real man's job, and after reading the Grand Master's address one realizes that his term of office was no sinecure.

The Grand Master realising the ravages made on the finances of the lodges by that demon "depression" caused a questionnaire to be sent to the subordinate lodges setting out their financial position as at 31st December, 1933. As these were returned to the Grand Lodge officer they were turned over to a Certified Public Accountant for analysis, and as a result of his report very interesting data was furnished which is not disclosed in the Proceedings. The Grand Master has one or two suggestions to make, among them being automatic suspension for N.P.D. after twelve months in arrears; also the question of Life Memberships on which he asks Grand Lodge to give special consideration.

The charters of three lodges were lifted for non-payment of Grand Lodge dues, and seventeen for other causes.

Two new lodges were constituted during the year and a dispensation was refused to form another lodge.

The "Monitor" in use in this jurisdiction necessitated revising and R. W. Bro. Lightfoot, P.G.M., was commissioned to do the task and presented Grand Lodge with a revised work.

This Grand Lodge publishes a magazine which has been found to be instrumental in spreading Masonic light over the jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Secretary follows the usual line and shows that there are 932 active lodges with a membership of 121,996, a net decrease of 6,132 over that of 1933.

A very excellent address was delivered by R. W. Bro. Hubert M. Proteat, P.G.M. of North Carolina, in which he exhorts the brethren to "Renew our faith, let us make bright the light of our love and our trust in God as Masons. We spend too much time in philosophizing and not enough time in the application of our principles to the solution of the world's problems and the alleviation of the world's sorrows; and unless we are speedily going to set about that high task, we shall perish and before God we ought to perish."

From the report of the Committee on Education we learn this Grand Lodge takes this phase of their work very seriously. They have two highly paid officials to carry on the work and by means of an educational program, the distribution of material, the holding of meetings and of the Grand Lodge Magazine, Masonic knowledge is disseminated among the brethren. The Proceedings contain a very comprehensive report of the activities of this committee.

Texas is to celebrate its Centennial in 1935 and as a result of the special committee's report Grand Lodge voted the funds necessary to carry out a program in keeping with the importance and dignity of the Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended fraternal recognition and an exchange of representatives with the following:

- The Grand Lodge of Rio de Janerio.
- The Grand Lodge of Paraiba.
- The Grand Lodge of Bahia.
- The Grand Lodge of Para.

Requests were received for recognition from several Grand Bodies but for lack of information these were held up, pending further investigation.

The reviews of the Foreign Correspondence is once again from the pen of R. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, who contributes quite a Foreword dealing especially with the question of the suspension of the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands under the title of Masonic Courtesy vs. Grand Lodge Rights. Alberta receives fraternal notice; M. W. Bro. Blackstock's address being quoted and remarks to the effect that the G. M. did not urge upon the lodges the value of the Foreign Correspondence as a means of education. Let us assure R. W. Bro. Fly that our Bro. Blackstock is used by this committee as a reviewer and knows full well the value of such work.

M. W. Bro. John H. Crooker—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. W. B. Pearson—Grand Secretary.

W.I.

UTAH

Sixty-third Annual Communication, January 16th and 17th, 1934.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Norman Rodney Vote, in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City. Twenty-five of the twenty-six lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction were represented.

A pleasing feature of the opening ceremonies was an acknowledgement of the long and faithful services of the Grand Tyler, Bro. Charles Shields, who has now reached the 88th anniversary of his birth. Bro. Shields was presented with a beautiful bouquet of carnations, as an expression of the esteem and affection with which he is regarded by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master also came in for congratulations as he had, on the opening day, reached his 55th birthday.

Alberta's representative, M. W. Bro. Alexander Edwin Eberhardt, answered the roll-call.

The Grand Master's address was in hopeful note. He felt that the "House not made with hands," as he expressed it, was being renovated, and that the brethren who were expected to build that "House" were coming again to cherish their Masonic affiliations, and were again using the working tools of the Speculative Mason to such effect that something like an old-time revival, without its hysteria, was in progress. Everywhere he found a renewal of interest in the altruistic aspects of the Craft, and evidence of practical application of our principles.

He had personally visited all the lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction, and every visit was a delight to him.

On July 15th, 1933, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers and accompanied by several hundred Master Masons, he had laid the corner stone of the Federal Forestry Building at Ogden, Utah.

The Grand Master closed his address with these remarks: "I have found but little sentiment of pessimism expressed or implied in our

lodges. I have found a cheerful and cheering determination that spirits shall no longer be depressed, that adversity is but an incident, soon to be ended. If that shall be the spirit of this Communication, I am very well content. True it is that we have again shown a loss in membership; equally true is it, as I verily believe, that we have recovered a magnificent proportion of that fraternal relationship and spirit of mutual helpfulness; that regard for the tenets of Freemasonry; that love, simply, of assembling with our brothers at lodge meetings which were so frighteningly absent during the years of hysterical prosperity.

"The foundation stones of Masonry—brotherly love, relief, truth, justice, charity, fervency, zeal—all the rest—have not been moved; shall not be."

The Grand Secretary believes that the sub-basement in respect of loss of members has been reached. The change for the better in this particular is not startling, but it is a change, and he hopes that it indicates the beginning of the return to normal conditions. In 1933 the net loss was 152, and in 1934 it was 148. We are inclined to think that the Grand Secretary is not enamored of the "New Deal", as he is sincerely thankful that he is not "hog-tied" to working only six hours per day.

The financial report shows that the Grand Lodge's various funds are in a healthy condition. The membership at the end of 1933 was 4,803.

The work being carried on by the Committee on Masonic Education is going forward satisfactorily. 127 educational meetings had been held during the year. 79 addresses were based on material furnished by the committee, and the remainder of the addresses were on subjects of general interest not primarily connected with Masonry. The committee encouraged this feature of the addresses, as it believed that the wider the interest the better it would be.

The address of Past Grand Master, John E. Carver, at the laying of the corner stone above referred to, is especially good; and shows considerable study and thought on the part of the speaker. The same remarks may apply to the response given by Past Grand Master, H. P. Kirtley, on behalf of the Grand Representatives. The Grand Orator, Bro. Clifford Rudine, took as his subject the condition of affairs in Germany, and traced the history of that country from the Treaty of Versailles to the present time. He pointed out the course being pursued by Germany under Hitler, and the danger to world peace that invariably follows.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Sam H. Goodwin, and is quite up to the high standard of previous years. In his "Foreword" he shows that those who bewail present-day conditions, particularly in regard to drinking, are mistaken in thinking that conditions are worse now than formerly. Several quotations are given which would show that the drinking habit is not a modern feature of life, but was practised in the good old days, probably more generally than it is now. Alberta is fully reviewed, the report of Grand Master Blackstock coming in for especial attention.

Bro. Goodwin states that Utah's volume apparently did not reach the committee in time to be given the customary attention, as a review of its Proceedings for 1933 appears to have been omitted from the Grand Lodge Reports of Alberta. This reviewer wishes to point out

that the Proceedings of Utah for 1933 were reviewed by him, and sent to our Grand Secretary for publication in our Report. The omission of Utah's Proceedings, therefore, must be due to an inadvertent mistake in our Grand Lodge Office.

John William Stoner, Salt Lake City, M. W. Grand Master.

Sam Henry Goodwin, Salt Lake City, R. W. Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

VERMONT

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Vermont held its One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Communication at Burlington on June 13th and 14th, 1934, with M. W. Bro. Chas. B. Adams, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

We are pleased to note the presence of the representative for Alberta.

In his address the Grand Master draws attention to the changing order of things whereby we are prone to surrender our individual liberty, casting it aside for something entirely different. He suggests that we need to cultivate the thought of individual independence, individual responsibility and the rugged individualism of those who have preceded us and in this we think he is quite right.

Masonic Education has been neglected and the Grand Master pleads for greater co-operation between the committee and the lodges in this most important phase of the work.

A Masonic Week was observed in which special church services were held on the Sunday with all lodges holding meetings on the Tuesday evening. Considerable inspiration was given the lodges in this way.

The report of the Grand Secretary follows the usual lines and reports a loss in membership of 654.

Vermont lost one of its distinguished brethren in the person of Henry Herbert Ross, P.G.M., and a former Grand Secretary, who passed away on August 8th, 1933. A memorial sketch of Bro. Ross from the pen of the Grand Secretary is printed in the Proceedings.

The recommendation of the Grand Master to have the lodge secretaries report to the Grand Secretary the names of brethren who have moved from their district did not meet with the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee as they did not consider the object to be attained justified the amount of work entailed.

The Grand Secretary has prepared the report of the Foreign Correspondence. In addition to the usual Foreword he gives a page of topical subjects and tells where they may be found in the various Proceedings.

Alberta is fraternally and generously reviewed and we thank the reviewer for his remarks on our Grand Master's address.

Julius C. Thomas—M. W. Grand Master.

Archie S. Harriman—R. W. Grand Secretary.

W.I.

VICTORIA

Proceedings for the year 1934

The Grand Master refers to the constitution during the year of five new lodges and the dedication of one new Temple.

He points out the increased interest in the travelling libraries.

R. W. Bro. William Stewart, P.S.G.W., Grand Secretary, gives a detailed and interesting report on his trip to the dedication of the Peace Memorial Temple at London in July, 1933. Incidentally, he refers to the courtesy extended to him while in Alberta.

The Benevolent Fund dispensed over £6,800 during the year and over £94,000 since the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1899.

The Foreign Correspondence contains the usual reviews, in which that of Alberta receives due notice.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. W. Warren Kerr, C.M.G., C.B.E.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. William Stewart, P.S.G.W.

E.T.B.

WASHINGTON

Seventy-seventh Annual Communication held at Tacoma, June 19th, 1934. M. W. Bro. John I. Preissner, Grand Master. Lodges 266, membership 44,111. Net loss for the year 2,293.

Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. Frank N. McCandless.

The Liquor Laws of the State of Washington and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge make between them some pretty puzzles for the Grand Master. We sympathise with his difficulties and his decisions but wonder if it is altogether fair that the Manager of a State Liquor Store, set up by the franchise of the people of the State of Washington, from the mere fact of his employment, should be subject to Masonic discipline. In point of fact we consider this carrying dry fanaticism to the point of absurdity. But even a Grand Master must obey the rule book.

The Grand Master's year, from a reviewer's point of view, is rather less eventful than usual but that he served faithfully and well there is ample evidence. We do envy him that trip to Alaska!

The annual oration is from the pen of W. Bro. Matthew W. Hill and expands the Cardinal Virtues and points out that the value of Freemasonry to younger men is contained in the practice rather than in the precept of their elders.

The Washington plan of Masonic Education is to endeavor to get the three principle officers of each lodge to deliver addresses on a pre-conceived plan, material and reference being supplied by the committee. It seems to have worked very well.

The Grand Historian provides a brief history of the Washington Masonic Code which contains a considerable amount of information even for a reader outside Washington.

Voluminous statistics make up a large volume. There is an excellent Report on Foreign Correspondence in which Alberta as usual, finds generous mention. We sincerely regret to observe that M. W. Bro. E. H. Van Patten, on account of advancing years, feels himself obliged to lay down his pen.

Next Annual Communication, Wenatchee, June 18th, 1935.

M. W. Grand Master—Loomis Baldrey, Bellingham.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.

A. M. M.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proceedings ending May, 1934

The Grand Master referred to the fact that the accumulated funds of Grand Lodge had increased by over £2,500 during the year; that no lodge dues were in arrears and that the total membership had increased by 132 during the year.

In reference to an application re physical disqualification of a candidate, he reported as follows:

"An application was received for a dispensation to ballot for one who had lost his right arm from the shoulder, the result of an accident.

"The edict of Grand Lodge promulgated in October, 1917, with reference to physical disqualification, reads:

" 'That a candidate is eligible for initiation who, though not perfect in his limbs, is able substantively to comply with and go through the ceremonies required in the various degrees.'

"I could not persuade myself that the party on whose behalf the application was made—though otherwise good material—could comply with the requirements of the edict, and I declined to grant the dispensation."

Dealing with the admission of non-Masons to lodge rooms he says:

"Masonic Socials"

"From information given to the Board of General Purposes, it would appear that there is a growing looseness in the conduct of those Masonic Socials known as Ladies' Nights. While many brethren object on principle to the admission of non-Masons—male or female—into an equipped Lodge Room, others deem it permissible to show their lady guests the interior of the room, but always with proper safeguards. Any implied countenance given to the latter course has now apparently been construed as a permission to introduce any non-Mason into a Lodge Room on a Ladies' Night."

We copy the following paragraph from the report of one of the Inspectors of Workings:

"Tyler voting on Ballot—It was observed in more than one instance that the Tyler, when a member of the lodge which he was tiling, exercised his vote—the box being passed out to him—without having heard any of the reports, discussion or comments concerning the candidate.

It is suggested that some visiting brother could temporarily relieve him of his duties, allow him to enter the lodge, hear the discussion, and cast his vote before again taking up his duty."

The usual very able and interesting Report on Foreign Correspondence by R. W. Bro. James W. E. Archdeacon, P.S.G.W., appears and includes a lengthy and sympathetic report of the Proceedings of Alberta.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Fred A. McMillen.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. A. E. Jensen, P.S.G.W.

E.T.B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Seventieth Annual Communication was held in the City of Parkersburg on the tenth of October, 1934. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, in the Grand East. This distinguished brother is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in West Virginia.

Seventeen P. G. M.'s were present and forty-three Grand Representatives conveyed greetings from their respective Grand Lodges. M. W. Bro. Louis N. Tavenner, Senior Past Grand -Master, welcomed them for the Grand Master, suggesting that perhaps more importance should be accorded the position of Grand Representative; that in other Grand Jurisdictions their presence or absence is usually noted and that viewing conditions abroad and at home, should prompt us each and all to stand true to the principles of Masonry.

M. W. Bro. Wm. K. Cowden, P.G.M., in his reply, mentioned that a commission from the Grand Lodge of England visited the lodges in India and they used the expression that the interests of England in India were dependent upon Freemasonry as the only place where regardless of caste men could meet on the level and part on the square. Similar reports come to us today that the true interest of the United States of America, of our communities of today, is dependent upon us as Free and Accepted Masons in our loyalty to our Grand Lodge, to our constituent lodges and to our great Fraternity wherever we may meet them.

The Grand Master's address mentions the Commission issued to R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey, as Grand Representative of his Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Alberta. He compliments the D.D. G.M.'s on the services they have rendered, saying, "There is a peculiar satisfaction to one who has labored to perform, when he can surround himself with able assistants, ones upon whose dependability he can with confidence rely. Such has been the efficient corps of D.D.G.M.'s who have ably served this office during the year. They have always been ready when called upon and have indeed filled their offices with credit to themselves and honor to the Fraternity."

He recommends that lodges abandon the practice of holding communications on a certain night on or before the full moon, being of the opinion that a regular specified day of the month is much more satisfactory. He also comments on the fact that each lodge should feel a continued responsibility for its own members or dependents who have been admitted to the Masonic Home. It would appear to be something like our own situation in Alberta, where beneficiaries of our

benevolent fund seem to be forgotten by their lodges unless they are contributing as well.

The Grand Master referred two questions to the Jurisprudence Committee, one of which was: "Who shall confer degrees?" This was answered by quoting a previous Grand Master—"It is competent for the S.W. or J.W. of a lodge under dispensation to congregate the lodge and exercise all the prerogatives of the W.M. in his absence, as freely as if the lodge were chartered. If he is not competent to confer the degrees he may transfer his jewel to some brother who is." It appears this decision has been enforced for more than forty-six years in this jurisdiction. The committee therefore held that any legal presiding officer may in his discretion transfer his jewel to any brother competent to confer the degrees; but such presiding officer must remain in the lodge during such work. In Alberta the Wardens cannot confer degrees.

The Grand Lecturer in his report finds that they have some lodges whose officers are unable to confer degrees or deliver the lectures pertaining thereto and comments on the unfairness to initiates and the gross neglect of duty in attempting to convey to them in an inefficient and unintelligent manner the important truths and lessons contained in our time-honored ritual, in spite of the fact that the Constitution requires that any one elected to preside over a Masonic lodge shall be able to confer the degrees and deliver the lectures pertaining to the same. He recommended that Grand Lodge should go on record as stating that no installing officer shall install any Master elect unless he has knowledge that such officer is fully qualified in this respect.

This Grand Lodge has a Masonic Home with 101 beneficiaries, all but three being resident and they say they are overcrowded, pointing out that it is wrong to attempt to house children and adults in the same building, recommending that some arrangements be made to separate them as soon as possible. One suggestion that is made is that some of the children could be better cared for in what they call "foster homes." It certainly would appear to be most unsatisfactory to house adults and children together.

This Grand Lodge requires amendments to By-laws of lodges to be submitted to a Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws, who report at the Annual Communication and they make recommendations for alterations, approve or disapprove as they see fit. Their report mentions that several lodges have proposed By-laws providing for automatic suspension of members, which were all disapproved, there being no such thing as automatic suspension recognised by the Masonic laws of West Virginia. In this jurisdiction, apparently, a "fair trial" is necessary in at least one lodge before a member can be suspended for non-payment of dues. It would appear that the system of having a standing committee on lodge by-laws has certain advantages over that in Alberta, which simply requires the approval of the Grand Master. The disadvantage, however, would appear to be that lodges must wait until after the annual communication of Grand Lodge before their by-laws, if approved, take effect.

The Report on Correspondence is conducted by M. W. Bro. Louis N. Tavenner. It is to be regretted that Alberta is among those whose Proceedings failed to reach his desk. He gives a very full and readable report, each Grand Lodge referred to being carefully reviewed.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Lawson D. Willis.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Laidley, P.G.M.

J.H.W.S.K.

WISCONSIN

Ninetieth Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Thomas Liognon, Grand Master.

Pursuant to his discovery that the principal delinquency in the payment of Grand Lodge dues could be traced to lodges overly ambitious in erecting temples, the Grand Master recommended that in future all plans must first be passed by a committee of Grand Lodge. That may be one way, but we know of a better one, for it worked during the self same period when so many lodges got into difficulties. The plan: Do not contemplate building till at least fifty per cent of your lodge is of Scottish extraction. The Finish: Burn your mortgage in six years.

When is an eye not an eye? If you have lost the sight of it and happen to be a candidate for Masonry in Wisconsin according to the Grand Master's decision.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and better still is often an indication of a capacity to receive new ideas. Wisconsin now ranges among the several Grand Lodges that have derived benefit and inspiration from having all lodges hold simultaneous meetings on a given night for purposes of rededication and reconsecration.

A warning finger was shaken at lodges over the tendency to issue life membership to such large numbers of the membership, thereby crippling lodge finances. However, proposed legislation covering the point failed to pass owing to the feeling that after all it was a matter for internal lodge management.

Three years ago it was resolved to exact proficiency of all candidates in the work of the third degree. This is now rescinded as it has been found to tend against the new member taking an active part in the lodge.

The Committee on Masonic Research is travelling on momentum as they are without funds. However stereopticon views and travelling libraries are still in use. They have found the "Quiz method" of instruction to be satisfactory and instructive wherever used. We believe it might be useful if well prepared but wouldn't it be awful to listen to an innocuous desuetued of the order of say a "radio interview."

A Round Table conference between Grand Lodge officials and Masters and Wardens seeking solutions to some of their problems finds a place on the agenda and seems to be eminently successful. Our district meetings would appear to cover this ground.

A dispensation to attend divine service clothed in regalia was refused and upheld.

Uniform lodge receipt forms were adopted.

Alberta was fortunate enough to be one of the twenty-two Grand Lodges reviewed before the chilling hand of death stilled the form of M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks. His thirty-seventh annual report is published as he left it unfinished upon the trestle board.

Lodges, 311. Membership, 58,378. Loss, 2,323.

M. W. Grand Master—Oscar L. Dean.

R. W. Grand Secretary—William F. Weiler.

V.H.M.

WYOMING

Sixtieth Annual Communication, August 27th and 28th, 1934:

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Charles C. Mitchell, in the Masonic Temple at Casper, Wyoming, in the presence of representatives or their proxies of each of the forty-eight chartered lodges. "America" was sung by the Grand Body, while prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. Ninety-three Past Masters and Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Address of the Grand Master is comparatively brief. After referring to the suspensions for non-payment of dues he states that it is the changing world with its many diversions that causes our troubles, not the Fraternity, and that if we take courage, and be steadfast and true to the teachings of our Order, all will be well. He was not called upon to make any decisions. He consented to the consolidation of two subordinate lodges. His recommendation that Worshipful Masters elect be required to pass a proficiency test before being installed in office was not approved. A tribute was paid to the assistance received by him from the Grand Secretary.

The number of members as of June 30, 1934, was 7,977, this being a net loss of 185 as against 256 of the preceding year. The Suspensions N.P.D. were 270.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows over \$20,000.00 on hand.

The Grand Historian's report must have been very interesting to the members of Grand Lodge, who were more or less familiar with the persons and places mentioned. Bro. Mokler is a philosopher as well as official Grand Historian, and we trust that his remarks will be widely read by his brethren in Wyoming.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is in charge of Bro. J. M. Lowndes, who reviews the Proceedings of sixty-five Grand Jurisdictions. A great deal of Masonic information is contained in the Report, and is set forth in a very readable style. His recommendation that the Grand Lodge of Panama be recognized was approved. The Proceedings for Alberta, 1933, are fully covered.

John Stansbury, Douglas, M. W. Grand Master.

Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper, R. W. Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

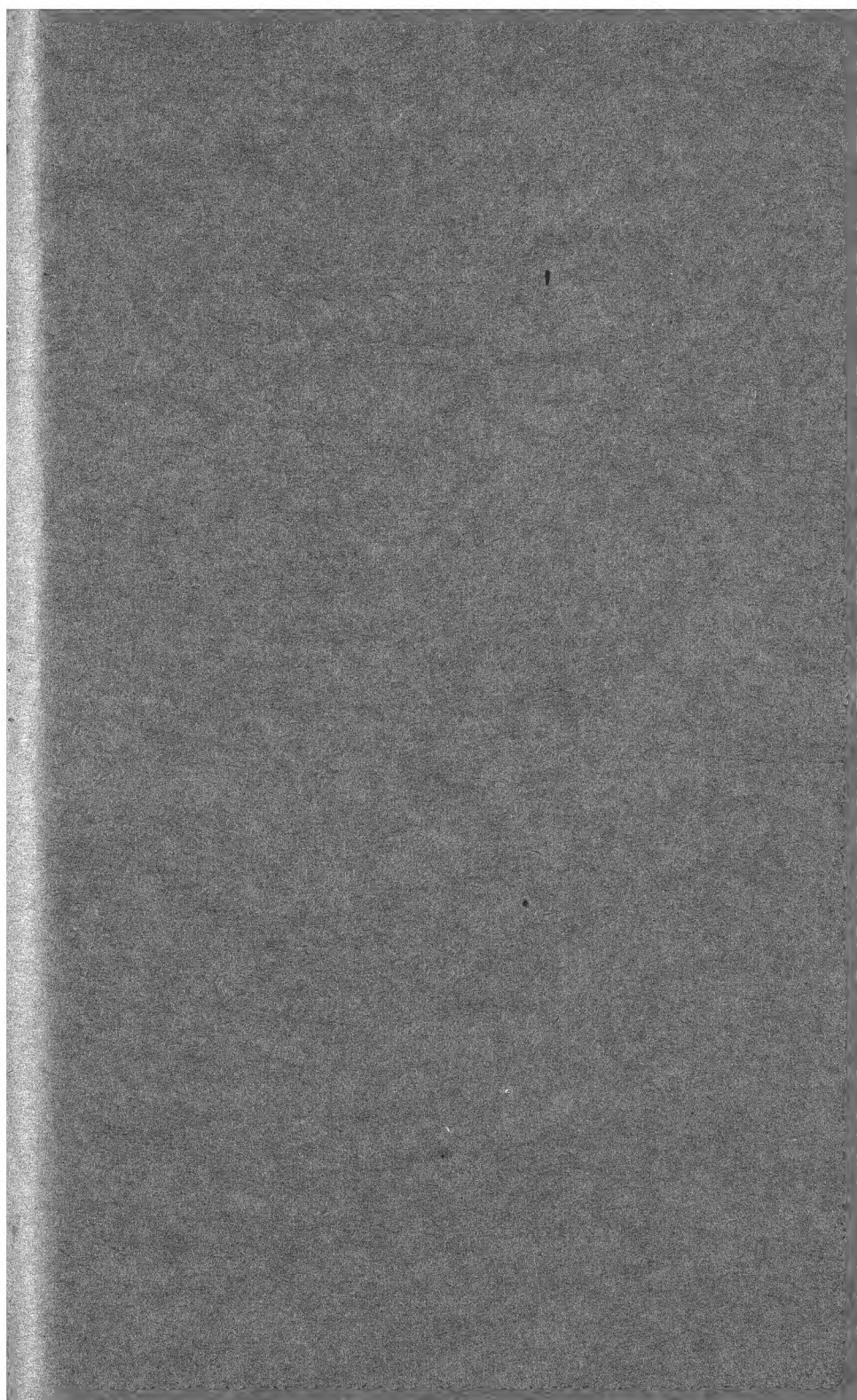
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